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Why I must speak out, by the man in the middle

Leader endorsed by 80% of members

Hague slaps down Tory 'dinosaurs'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE exerted nis new authority over the Conservative Party last night by slapping down two Tory eterans over controversial remarks at conference fringe

Hours after his overwhelming endorsement as party leader, Mr Hague demonstrated his determination to impose discipline by disowning Lord Tebbit for speaking out against a multicultural society and criticising Alan Clark for saying that the only way to deal with the IRA was to kill 600 people in one night.

A source close to the Tory leader described the two former ministers as "dinosaurs on the rampage" while Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, publicly denounced his erstwhile colleagues. He disagreed with Lord Tebbit, say-ing: "We do live in a multicultural society and we seem to be getting on well", and he described Mr Clark's remarks as wrong-minded,

offensive and out of court. fringe meeting: Multiculturalism is divisive. One cannot uphold two sets of ethics or be loyal to two nations, any more than a man can have two masters. It perpetuates ethnic divisions because nationality is more about culture than ethnics. Youngsters born here should be taught that British history is their history, or they will forever be foreigners holding British passports and this kingdom will become a

But Mr Hague's officials denounced the speech, saying: "William . Hague wants to build a multicultural society. Norman Tebbit has his views. They are not the views of the leadership. Tebbit gives the impression of intolerance. William is all about tolerance as his speech showed to-day." Mr Hague's address had included a call for "patriotism without bigotry" and an appeal for more blacks and

Asians to join the party

Peter Riddell The Majpr inq Leading article and Letters.

Mr Clark's gaffe came during a question-and-answer session in which he was asked how to deal with the IRA. He replied: "The only solution is to kill 600 people in one night
— let the UN and Bill Clinton and everyone else make a — and it is over for 20. years." He prefaced his remarks by saying that everyone knew his view, but Mr Hague's spokesman said the comments were unhelpful and unconstructive, especially given the part played by the Conservative Government in

the peace process. The no-nonsense line taken against the former ministers was in tune with events on the conference, where speakers were applauded when they blamed divisions and arrogance for the party's worst

election defeat. John Major - who was given a hero's welcome suggested that MPs' divided views, expressed without restraint, "made our positions impossible". He emphasised the importance of the party pulling together behind the new leader and promised: "I'm backing William. I'm backing him because he's an able man of talent and integri-

ty with a tough job ahead." He even got away with an apparent sideswipe at Baroness Thatcher when he added: "I propose to give William Hague the unqualified support - in public and in private - that he has a right to expect from his predecessor."

Gillian Shephard, too, was cheered when she said that Tory supporters felt that too often they had been let down

by people in the parliamenta-ry party. Mr Hague himself said that the Tories had lost, in part, because the parliamentary party came to be seen as divided, arrogant, selfish and

Mr Hague, who had won the ballot endorsing his leadership and the principle of party reforms with more than 80 per cent support, pleased the conference with a forceful, frank and assured speech. Many who had never seen him speak before were pleasantly surprised.

He said that he had no illusions about the mammoth task ahead, but he pledged to do everything in his power to rebuild the party - not for himself, the MPs, or even the activists — but for the millions in Britain who shared Tory values and needed a united and strong Tory party.

"This is the week when we draw a line in the sand," he said. "The week when we stoo apologising. The week when we get up off our knees and week when the whole world will see that the Conservatives are back in business."

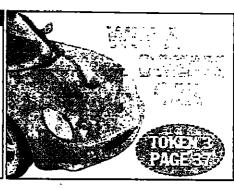
Once again echoing the Blairite reforms in the Labour Party. Mr Hague said that reform and modernisation would be the foundations of his leaderhsip and that was why the two issues had been linked in the ballot. Just over 180,000 members voted in that ballot, with 143,000 backing Mr Hague, who pronounced himself well pleased with the outcome - although more than 100,000 members did not

Mr Hague will now hold six months of consultations on his "green paper" entitled Blueprint for Change. Under his proposals, all wings of the party would be unified under a new constitution, and after the sleaze rows of recent years, an ethics committee would be set up to investigate and discipline those who brought the party into disrepute.

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Scientists use human cells to grow spare parts for body

A PIONEERING method of growing body tissue will soon make it possible to produce an almost complete range of body spare parts for transplants. The technique, known as

tissue engineering, has al-ready produced skin grafts. but is now being used to grow bone, cartilage and ligament. The same method can be used to build livers and heart

"This is not science fiction," said Gail Naughton, one of the pioneers of the process. "Now we have worked out the technology, there is no limit to what we can do."

Ms Naughton, whose company in San Diego, California, has led the research into tissue engineering, said yesterday she expected trials to start within nine months in Britain and the United States on transplanted knee joints.

This will have enormous advantages for sportsmen who can be put out of action by a serious injury for a very long already successfully transplanted such joints into sheep and rabbits and there is no reason now why we cannot do the same for humans." Tissue engineering involves using an incubator to recreate

the conditions of a womb. which allows cells to grow naturally to any shape and size on to a framework made of biodegradable threads. This was the technique used recently to grow a human ear shape on to a mouse in a laboratory experiment. Transplant surgery has made enormous advances in recent years and the only real

With this process we can create all the tissue needed and know that it is safe." Those receiving a transplant would not donate their own

limitation is the availability of

donors," Ms Naughton said.

tissue because this would need to be grown for several weeks before it could be used and would, in any case, probably not be as healthy as that which had been grown in the

As the spare part is living tissue, it grows with the body after a transplant.

This means, for example that a hip replacement will fuse naturally into place, unlike artificial joints made of plastic and metal, which have to be pinned or glued.

Another potential use would be in surgery on faces badly disfigured by road accidents. Bone tissue cut precisely to the right shape can be built into cheeks and jaws to restore the shape of a victim's face.

The first tissue-engineered product available is a skin graft developed to help diabetes sufferers who develop foot ulcers that refuse to heal and which can lead to amputation. Successful trials in Britain and America have shown that it is a quicker, cheaper and more certain cure than any conventional treatment

The pioneer, page 2



the wooden leg"

The Queen puts on navy socks for pomp and prayer

The Queen, wearing socks in deference to Muslim practice, at the Faisal Mosque

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

Oxbridge could be facing extinction

By David Charter, Education correspondent

AN apocalyptic vision of the demise of Britain's top two universities was painted by Oxford's vice-chancellor yesterday in a searing attack on the Government's higher education spending review.

Dr Peter North issued a warning that cutting the £35million that now supports the college system at Oxford and

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Cambridge would "destroy their competitive position on the world scene". Many talented academics

would lose their jobs, world-

famous historical collections would be jeopardised, and the standards of teaching and research would suffer, he said. Oxford has gone on the offensive in the wake of leaks suggesting that ministers believe the extra public money for Oxford and Cambridge is increasingly difficult to defend". The funding, equivalent to nearly £2,000 for each student every year, preserves

teaching, whereas students at other universities are taught in large groups. On Monday, Brian Fender, chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council, visited Oxford to begin confidential talks with the two universities on the future of college fees. His visit came in response to Sir. Ron Dearing's report on higher education in July, which called for a review of the £35 million college fees to see if this "substantial

the college system, which en-

sures one-to-one tutorial

represented "a good use of Dr North, in his last oration before retiring as vice-chancel-Continued on page 2, col 3

addition to standard funding

Bungle delays £2 coin launch

The Royal Mint has been forced to put back the launch of the new £2 coin because of a mismatch between the coin and the prototype used to re-set millions of vending machines. Businesses have spent about £20 million preparing machines to accept the coin, which was due to go into circulation on November 3.

Shadow on talks The first full-scale peace nego-

tiations involving Unionists, nationalists, loyalists and republicans at Stormont yesterday was overshadowed by the resignation of Ray Burke, the lrish Foreign Minister, and diminished by the absence of the Ulster Unionist Party's

Inflation shock

A surprise rise in the headline rate of inflation to 3.6 per cent in September from 3.5 per cent in August will add extra costs to the social security budget next year and could jeopardise the Government's spending plans Page 25

THE Queen paid tribute last she padded through some of night to Diana, Princess of its vast marble porticos and Wales, telling a state banquet verandas. on the first day of her state visit to Pakistan that it that It is unusual for women to

had been "a source of comfort

and strength to know that

people round the world have

shared our grief at Diana's tragic, early death". She added: "On behalf of

the British nation I thank you,

and all the people of Pakistan,

for the sympathy and feeling you have shown." She com-

mended the Princess's work in

Pakistan, which she visited as

a government guest and unof-

ficially to see the Lahore

cancer hospital started by

Imran Khan, the former Paki-

The Queen's comments in a

brief speech at the Presidential

Palace added an emotional

note to a day of formality and

In a canary yellow suit and

navy blue socks and carrying

a white handbag, she entered

the echoing vastness of the

Faisal Mosque to view one of

The mosque, the main pray-

er hall of which can accommo-

date 10,000 people, is one of

stan cricket captain.

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comatose, city.

enter mosques in Pakistan. The Queen was slotted into a gap between prayers and was required to remove her shoes. donning what looked suspiciously like British Airwaysissue woolly footwear. But it provided a gentle

beginning to a week of engagements as part of celebrations marking the country's 50th birthday. It was a day of military bands, award cere-

Hollywood plans film about Diana

A Hollywood film company announced yesterday it bas bought the rights to use Diana, Princess of Wales's words from Andrew Morton's new bestseller to make a film about her marriage break-up. This latest deal involving

the taped interviews made by the Princess brought conthe many architectural masdemnation from her family. terpieces of this small, almost Her brother, Earl Spencer, was said to be upset that an actress will use the Princess's words. He will ask lawyers if the world's largest, as the he can stop the film using the Queen might have realised as

monies and formal meetings. It passed without her meeting anybody but dignitaries, save for the children of staff at the British High Commission, who let out two welcoming

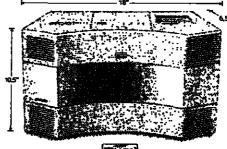
The Oueen encountered pictures of herself and the Duke of Edinburgh painted all over a truck parked at the High Commissioner's residence an example of truck art which turns lorries into gaudy chari-ots that fly blindly along Pakistan's maniacal highways. This particular specimen will soon be back hauling goats and grain, possibly By Appointment'.

President Farooq Leghari told the Queen her visit was the "high point" of Pakistan's celebrations. In truth, Pakistan is too broke to provid lavish events for its 130 million people. A quarter of its budg is earmarked for defence ar almost half for debt servicing Before an exchange

awards a mullah recited prayer, which was repeated English, in which he spoke the need for forgiveness an declaring that "whatever given here is but a conv nience in this life". For sever moments the Queen held he

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Faithful few fight blithely on amid debris of defeat

reduced. Nobody even wants to kill them anymore. Quoting Isaiah. the Vicar of St John the Evangelist gave it to them straight. "A voice cries in the wilderness!" he declared. Conservative representatives at prayer in Blackpool's Winter Gardens

yesterday knew just what he They sang "Through many a day of darkness/Through many a scene of strife/The faithful few fought bravely/To guard the nation's life." The faithful few, gath-

at the start of the conference

support, were conscious that the days of darkness are still

What do you say to such a congregation? "Rise up on eagles' wings!" continued the vicar. A thousand Tory faces were uplifted to the Bald Eagle himself, their new leader. Could he do it? Were his

wings strong enough?
William Hague tried a pre-liminary flutter before lunch. If he did not exactly soar, he hovered successfuly for about 20 minutes — a feat that was the more impressive for following an introduction from



battalions |

Mr. Hague's virtues, the party chairman had planned to end his speech — to wild applause - with a ringing call: From Oxbridge to Uxbridge, Hague's the right man for the

He delivered this plonker as scripted, and waited for applause. There was complete silence. "You're supposed to clap," wailed Parkinson, and scuttled back to his seat. But it was not really Parkin-

in partial eclipse. The whole thing is lit in the sort of pastel blues and pinks you might consider for a new bidet. The son's fault. There is some-thing chilling about the To-ries stage set. The lower they overall effect is The Nine O'Clock News meets Sea sink the more monumental

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Emerging from such a backdrop William Hague did well to raise his audience's becomes their backdrop. Constructed from a quantity of spirits. In what was, by the evangelical standards of the fuzzyfelt sufficient to uphol-Teletubbies, the set rises behour, an unshowy and oldhind the podium in a line of 20ft sharks' fins, dwarfing the platform party. The effect is of with relaxed good humour. the new leader steadied nerves a little. He was rething less than rapture. John Major spoke movingly and was greeted with the demented acclaim the Tory tribe traditionally reserves for hensively shredded.

In or out of power, there is a certain continuity about Conservative conferences. Those have been reassured by the sight of Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman. The Morris Minordriving former MP for Lancaster was sitting in the position she always occupies, at the front.

was joined by her husband. In the TV lights the Dame's light-sensitive spectacles looked like sunglasses, and the years have been kind to the Kellett-Bowmans' hair-colouring hers still as golden, his as jet black as the day they

can dictator and his wife, grittily oblivious to the fact that the army has mutinied and the legislature, the presi-dential palace and radio station have fallen to the revol-

Applauding among the de-bris of a wrecked political party, the couple reminded me of an elderly South Ameri-

Anger at killer's move to Ulster

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

MURDERER who slashed he throat of a teenage football political dispute last night over plans to transfer him from Scotland to the Maze prison, near Belfast, at the equest of loyalists.

Papers are expected to be signed this week allowing lason Campbell, 25 from Bridgeton, Glasgow, currently held at Shotts prison. Lanarkshire to move to Northern

It followed a decision by the Scottish Office to agree to the transfer which was originally approved by Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary, as part of a deal with the Progressive Unionist Party: before the start of peace falks.

A Scottish Office spokes-man said: "Ministers are satisified that the procedures are being followed correctly. and the transfer will take

The announcement provoked outrage from other political parties who earlier this week said transerring Campbell would give the murder a political dimension.

Campbell is corrently serv-ing a life sentence for the murder in October 1995 of 16year-old Mark Scott, a Glasgow Celtic fan. The attack happened during a clash with supporters of Glasgow Rangers as Mark walked home with friends after a Celtic

Campbell, whose father and uncle are convicted UVF terrorists but whose family live in Glasgow, slashed the boy's throat because he was wearing a Celtic shirt and left him to die in the street.

Menzies Campbell, MP, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Scottish legal affairs last night said he had written to the chairman of the Scottish Select Committee in the House of Commons demanding a full investigation into the affair.

1,300 jobs to go at migration offices

NEWS IN BRIEF

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A plan to cut jobs by half at the Lunar House, Croydon, triggered threats of industrial action. Staff were told that a new computerised system would save £12 million a year and cut jobs from 2,500 to 1,200 Voluntary redundancies are being sought throughout the Home Office.

Trades unions said that they would take action unless Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. halts the plan for the largest-ever cull of staff at the Home Office, involving 800 redundancies next year and the rest within two years. Any dispute could extend to frontline staff at airports, ferry ports and the Channel Tunnel. There is a 90-day deadline for consultation.

Donor scare

People suspected to have the human form of "mad cow" disease are being asked to dispose of their organ donor cards. The UK Transplant Support Service Authority said the risk of donors passing on CID or the new variant linked with eating infected beef could not be ruled out.

Parliament plan

friendly Scottish parliament building on an empty site at Leith waterfront have been unveiled. Forth Ports' scheme for the site also includes a retail and leisure park and liner terminal. Two other sites for the assembly in central Edinburgh are in contention.

Sailors jailed

Eight sailors from the destroyer HMS Southampton were jailed for subjecting two recruits to a degrading initiation ceremony. The eight mechanics had forced the two 20-yearolds to undergo a series of disgusting acts when they joined for their first sea posting_

Extradition delay

The extradition of Pearse McCauley, 32, wanted in Britain for conspiracy to murder and cause explosions, was def erred to allow the Irish courts to charge him with firearms offences. He is accused of the unlawful possession of firearms and was remanded in custody until November 11.

Lookalike home

A woman said to resemble Marilyn Monroe, who sparked a police hunt when she went missing from her home in Gosport. Hampshire. has returned to her family. JoAnne Watts, 35, a mother of two, said the pressures of business had driven her to spend three days in London.

Minister resigns as Irish peace talks open

By Martin Fletcher and Audrey Magee

THE first full-scale peace negotiations involving Unionists, nationalists, loyalists and republicans opened at Stormont yesterday, but the historic occasion was overshadowed by the resignation of Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, and diminished by the absence of the Ulster Unionist Party's leaders.

Mr Burke's departure, amid allegations of political corruption, caused more regret than alarm, though there were lears that the repercussions in Dublin could destabilise the Irish Government. David Andrews, Mr Burke's likely suc-cessor, is well-versed in the theology of the peace process and veteran civil servants are in any case the driving force in the Irish delegation.

The long-overdue departure train" was also marked by the delivery of a letter bomb addressed to Jeffrey Donaldson, the Ulster Unionist MP for Lagan Valley. Army bomb disposal experts defused it.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said the launch of the substantive negotiations after 16 months of procedural wrangling was potentially "a defining moment for Northern Ireland".

Representatives of the eight participating parties spent the day delivering opening statements long on aspirations, short on substance and — for yesterday's purposes at least moderate in tone. Even Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, who on Sunday had talked of "smashing" the Union. chose to cloak his

demand for a united Ireland

in mild language. The exception was the Ulster Unionist Party, whose statement emphatically rejected the notion of a united Ireland. It said the UUP was attending the talks to defend the Union and to challenge the sincerity of Sinn Fein/ IRA's commitment to democratic and exclusively peaceful means". David Trimble, the UUP leader, and two of his MPs were missing as they were in Washington.

Participants variously described the talks as "tetchy, "workmanlike" and "busi-nesslike". Sinn Fein accused the Unionists of "groaning and grunting" throughout Mr McGuinness's presentation. But Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh. tation as "a series of cliches and platitudes". Mr McGuinness said he hoped the Unionists would "chill out" as the talks progressed.

They will resume next week. Mr Burke yesterday blamed his departure as head of the Irish delegation on "ongoing personal attacks". He has also resigned his north Dublin seat, risking the stability of the minority government.

Mr Rurke will be investigated next month by a tribunal to establish if he received £30,000 from a builder in exchange for political favours. He is also hounded by allegations that he behaved improperly in handing out li passports to Arabs in exchange for a £20 million investment in Ireland.



Gail Naughton with tissue on which skin is grown. "We grow cells in same way as they grow naturally," she said

There is no reason we can't make any part of the body'

GAIL NAUGHTON is a hard-headed scientist with a dream that sounds like something from a script for the Six Million Dollar Man.

"There is no reason why we can't make any part of the human body to the highest standard, now we have discovered the technology," she said yesterday as she launched the first of what could be an entire range of body spares.

The technique involves growing new tissue by removing body cells and tricking them into believing they are back in the womb. Healthy living cells are taken for the process where possible, but for some organs at present they need to come from donors at a post mortem

There has so far been little difficulty in replicating any organ apart from kidneys. 'Hearts are simple muscle and there would be no problem in making a patch to fit, just like one for a tyre," Ms Naughton said.

The first product is a skin graft that can heal foot ulcers in diabetics, who until now have often had no alternative to amputation. The skin is grown from a master cell bank at Advanced Tissue Sciences, the company Ms

Like a script from science fiction,

scientists say they have the technology

to repair a heart, writes Ian Murray

Naughton runs in San Diego. The bank was set up by using discarded tissue from circumcised new-born babies. With each ceil capable of creating up to 250,000 square feet of human skin, sufficient to cover six football pitches, there is enough to last for years.

The engineering process involves making a mesh of biodegradable suture material similar to that used by surgeons in operations. Healthy tissue cells are injected into this "scaffold", which is then put into an incubator that replicates conditions in

We grow the cells out of the body in the same way as they are grown naturally during pregnancy." Ms Naught-on said. "The incubator is a ery controlled environment, with oxygen delivery, nutrient delivery and elimination of waste products carried out exactly as they are in the human body.

The secret is learning how to keep the cells happy, the right distance apart and on

the right scaffold. You have to mimic the body's environment and then the cells grow normally.

The cells are fed a mixture of vitamins, glucose, amino acids and serum proteins, and the tissue grows at the same pace as it does in the womb. Skin takes two weeks, bone takes six weeks and liver tissue takes eight weeks. The scaffold can be in any size or shape so that blocks of bone can be produced. By computer imaging the exact shape of the bone that needs replacing can be copied and an engi-

secred block cut to size. The skin tissue, being mar keted in Britain by Smith & Neohew, the medical suppli-

ers, is already licensed for use in Canada and has nearly finished trials in America to satisfy the registration regula-tions of the Food and Drugs Agency. In Britain there is no need for registration because the product is not classified as a drug or a medical appliance. Dermagraft patches are just 200 microns thick when taken

from the growth incubator. They are then stored in a sealed hag at -70C until needed, when they are thawed in warm water. The doctor cuts the patch to fit the shape of the ulcer and holds it in place with a bandage.

The treatment is repeated each week and trials have shown that the patch encourages the patients own skin and blood vessels to regenerate. After eight weeks most patients are cured.

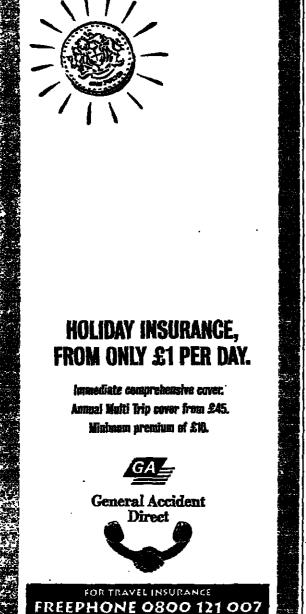
Each patch costs £250 and a full eight-week treatment costs £3,492. This compares with £3,620 for current treatment, largely involving preventing the patient from walking and removing excess skin that builds up round the ulcer. Traditional treatment is very slow, with many patients incapacitated for months. Elderly patients risk gangrene and amputation. The cost of treating an ulcer which remains unhealed is £22,000 a

Michael Edmonds, consultant physician at the diabetes department of King's College Hospital. London, said that although there had been some scepticism initially, successful clinical trials had convinced specialists that the technique was a major advance.

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lor, denied that Oxford had the resources to preserve the college system on its own if public money were lost. "I do not believe that any rational Government would wish seriously to put at risk the intellectual achievements of the two ancient universities or to destroy their competitive position on the world scene."

"But that is what is at risk and the danger comes when those responsible for the decisions are not fully aware of the risks and their implications." Dr North pointed out that Oxford's course costs are lower than Harvard's in the United States but that it has just a quarter of the resources and has to compete with the

leading American universities for top academics and research students. He credits the college systern with Oxford's low dropout rate and high academic achievements. "I believe that a powerful case can be made to justify the continued payment

of college fees at a significant level," he said. In his vice-chancellor's address last week, Professor Alec Broers of Cambridge fired the first salvo in what could

with the Government. In the torrent of comment which has followed the Dearing Report. there has been a somewhat disagreeable undertone that the special standing of Cambridge and Oxford is somehow unfair ... I cannot support such a contention ... Cambridge continues to earn. its place of parity with the world's institutions ... Any loss of funding will degrade this performance," he said.

Oxford and Cambridge easily topped The Times league table of British universities this summer, with Cambridge earning top grades for its teaching and research quality and Oxford leading the field in graduate employment and library spending for each

While the overwhelming majority of John Major's Cabinet was educated at Oxford or Cambridge, Oxbridge has fewer ties with Tony Blair's senior colleagues. Just three of the present Labour Cabinet went to Oxford or Cambridge, But Oxbridge graduates make up more than a quarter of MPs in the House of Commons, with 108 being from Oxford and 69 from Cam-

Doctors set out charges option BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS today tell the Gov-

ernment how to raise up to £10 billion a year for the National Health Service by charging patients, but give warning that the move would prove counterproductive. The NHS budget for next

year is £46.2 billion, but the British Medical Association says that the service needs £5 billion more in the next four years to meet overheads and to modernise itself. Charging is one way to raise the money, the BMA suggests, but that would be unfair and damaging to health, it says. Only if taxes are increased to fund the service will it continue to

provide good-quality health care for all, the BMA says. The paper says that "hotel charges" of £80 a night for hospital beds would raise £25 billion; £10 for a consultation with a general practitioner would bring in £3.3 billion; increasing prescription charges to £10 for all would generate £4 billion; and £10 charges for day home visits by GPs would bring in a further

£265 million, and £14.5 million for night visits. Although the reduction in

demand brought by charges could reduce waste, the BMA paper says, it could also deter patients from seeking important help at an early stage, so that "costlier and more intensive care may need to be provided in the future when a simple condition develops into something more serious.

This has wider implications for public health. Open access to health has aided the control of various diseases within the population and limiting that access may be counterproductive." The paper also says that if

patients are required to pay they are likely to demand a better service for their money. The paper says that encouraging more people to join private health schemes would create resentment among those who joined about paying taxes to meet the needs of those who did not "Accessing health

care will be based on ability to

pay and not on clinical need."

Nanny 'killed baby she saw as little brat'

FROM PETER BEAL IN BOSTON

A BRITISH teenager murdered a baby in a fit of rage while unhappy with her life as a nanny, a jury was told yesterday. Louise Woodward, 19, went to work in America during a year's break before university, but was said to have felt that she was underpaid and regarded the two children in her care as "fussy,

cranky, crying little brats".

Miss Woodward, from
Elton, near Chester, had been warned about staying out too late and failing to get up in the mornings, just five days before nine-month-old Matthew Eappen died of head injuries.

The prosecution said that she shook him and slammed him in a "frustrated, unhappy and resentful rage when he kept crying. His doctor parents were both out at work.

The teenager, who has spent eight months behind bars awaiting trial, denies a charge of first-degree murder, which carries a sentence of life imprisonment without parole. Her father, Gary, sat behind her in the public gallery of the court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the opening of the trial, which is expected to take three weeks.

Defence lawyers said they



Susan and Gary Woodward, the nanny's parents

Louise Woodward in court with a member of her defence team. She has spent eight months awaiting trial

rough" with him, had tossed him on the bed and dropped him in the bathroom, possibly hitting his head where the bath met the wall tiles. The nanny later shook him to revive him because he seemed unresponsive to her.

But Mr Leone said: "These njuries were not caused by her being a little rough, tossing him on the bed or dropping him on the floor. They were not caused by a gentle revival shaking. These injuries were caused by a violent slam against a hard object, causing the skull fracture which eventually killed him five days later."

Five days earlier, the nanny had received an ultimatum from the baby's parents over staying out late at night and her inability to get up to look after Matthew and his twoyear-old brother Brendan. Mr Leone alleged that Miss Woodward, who had started to lead a busy social life with

fact that she was paid the same as au pairs who looked after one child, and was heard saying to a friend in a theatre queue that she thought the two children were "fussy, cranky, crying little brats". But Andrew Good, defending, said

6 Help, he's not focusing. He is making gurgling noises. Help, what can I do? **9**

that the alleged violent shaking and slamming equivalent to a 15ft drop on

concrete at 20mph - never He told the jury: "We are

biomechanics and forensic pathology. You will hear from people with enormous knowledge and experience who will tell you that this child unfortunately suffered an injury earlier that caused this fracture.

"You will hear it might well have been an accident done with far less force and it caused a leak in a blood vessel into his skull." He said there was evidence of an earlier wrist fracture which had gone unnoticed by both the baby's parents.

He said that there were notes made by Mrs Eappen that the baby had not been "healthy and fine" in the days leading up to his death. Miss Woodward had told the mother that the day before, the baby had been crying, lethar-gic, hard to arouse and lost his appetite. On the day he was taken to hospital, she had had to wake him up, he would not take his breakfast and then had an unusually long nap.

rapidly and Miss Woodward had realised "something was terribly wrong".

He said: "She paged the father unsuccessfully three

times and then paged his mum successfully and called 911 [the US emergency number]. She was trying to help this child." The baby had entered the emergency room with not a mark on his body: There was no swelling, bruising, abrasions and no lumps, nothing. There were no external signs of trauma at all."

A tape recording of the emergency call was played to the court. Miss Woodward was heard telling the operator: "Help, he's not focusing with his eyes. He's making gurgling noises. Help, what can I

Eric Braceland, a police officer who called at the house, said that Miss Woodward had told him: "He just wouldn't stop crying; he just wouldn't

Drunken passenger accused of kicking PC in groin

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A POLICEMAN who arrested a drunken woman passenger on a British Airways flight from Montreal was kicked so hard in the groin that he needed two operations, a court was told yesterday.

The alleged assault at Heathrow followed an incident in which Carmel Beer, 50, had thrown wine over a steward and pulled off his clip-

Ms Beer became abusive after she was refused more alcohol on the Boeing 747 and the captain radioed before landing to request assistance.

PC Christopher Williams told Isleworth Crown Court in West London that his left testicle was still bruised after Ms Beer caught him with her heel after the aircraft landed on February 9.

As he and colleagues approached her at the back of the aircraft, she became abusive and began lashing out from her seat with her arms and legs, saying that she supposed the officers planned to "nick" her, Mr Williams said.

Ms Beer, from Stratton-onthe-Fosse, Somerset, denies one charge of assault causing actual bodily harm. The jury was told that she had already admitted being drunk on an aircraft and common assault, and that she had been returning to Britain after a failed attempt at reconciliation

with her husband. Mr Williams, whose injuries have prevented him from returning to duty, said:

"It was a hard blow; it connected with the inside of my leg and I think it was the heel of her boot caught me in the left testicle."

He had immediately told Ms Beer that she was under arrest but she had continued to struggle until she was pulled from her seat and taken to a police van. Andrew Campbell-Tiech,

for the defence, said the police response had been heavy-

The case continues.

Hollywood fights for Princess tapes

world's leading medical ex-perts to show that the baby's

death had been caused by a

skull injury which had gone

unnoticed for several days. They said that Miss

Woodward was not unhappy

with her job, had cared for the

children, and volunteered to

help at a mursery on her

Sundays off.

Opening the prosecution,
Gerry Leone, the deputy first

assistant district attorney.

said: This case is about

Matthew Eappen being vio-

lently slammed against a hard

object and severely shaken,

this severe slamming being done by the defendant Louise

Woodward in a frustrated, unhappy, resentful rage based

on her attitude to her job and a

crying Matthew Eappen. The

best evidence to what hap-

pened to Matthew Eappen

that day is Matthew Eappen's bruised, broken and battered

Matthew's mother, Deb-

orah, left him at home with

Miss Woodward on the morn-

ing of February 4. "It was the

last time Deborah Eappen

would see her little boy nor-

mal, healthy and well again.

Later that day, after an emer-gency call, he was taken to

hospital suffering from a 25 in

skull fracture, a massively

swollen brain and retinal

haemorrhaging behind the

Mr Leone said that as

doctors fought to save the

child's life, Miss Woodward

was telling police that she had

been unhappy and frustrated

with him crying all day. She said she had been "a little

causing massive injuries. This violent shaking and

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

nounced yesterday that he has the rights to taped interviews by Diana, Princess of Wales, to make a film about her marriage break-up.

Earl Spencer was said last night to

be "appalled" at the reported deal over. transcripts of tapes that the Princess gave secretly to Andrew Morton for his book, Diana: Her True Story. The Princess's brother was said to be particularly upset that an actress would be allowed to use the her words. It is understood that he will instruct lawyers to examine if he can stop the film from using transcripts of the tapes made when the Princess collaborated over the original book in 1991.

ducer, Martin Poll. Mr Poll's company made the 1993 four-hour television mini-series based on the original version of the book.

The publisher called the deal "very misleading. A spokeswoman for Mr O'Mara said that the deal was not new. It was the one which allowed Mr Poll to make the 1993 series. "So far as we are concerned, he is not allowed to use the material in the foreword of the new book based on the transcripts of Diana's tape recordings," she said.

The publisher says the existing deal means the film company could not use quotations from the Princess that are included in the 18,000 words taken

But last night its publisher, Michael from her taped interviews which transcripts, he said. A German film O'Mara, denied that the rights had appear in the revised edition, Diana: producer, Christian Seidel, is involved Mr Poll denied his film was "cashing

in" on the Princess's memory. A spokesman said: "It has become obvious that other films will be made about the Princess. Martin Poll felt he would be able to make a film which reflects her own views and her own

He said the initial announcement had been based on a misunderstanding and was not intended to imply that a new deal had been signed relating to the latest book. The 1992 agreement did allow the company to use the final chapters of the new book, updating the Princess's story to her death, though it gave no rights to use any of the tapes or

that they intend to use a cast of distinguished British actors for the new film and will conduct a search throughout the United Kingdom for the actress to play Diana".

Mr Morton is believed to be negoti-

ating for other television and film deals. His revised biography has entered the top 50 bestsellers list at number 38 after returns from only two days of sales.

The book joins six others - two by Morton - on the Princess's life in Whitaker BookTrack's top 50 selling books for the week ending October 4. His original edition has moved up two places from number 4 to number 2

Murder case nurses face new demand

THE brother of Yvonne Gilford, the murdered Australian nurse, is demanding that the British nurses accused of killing her in Saudi Arabia drop plans to sue his lawyers for \$200 million (£125 million) for "mental cruelty". Frank Gilford says that otherwise he will not agree to waive his demand for the death penalty. The ultimatum comes days before a court is to decide the

fate of Deborah Parry, on a charge of murder. Lucille McLauchlan, 31, has been

convicted as sentenced to eight years in jai and 500 lashes

The nurses issued writs from their prison cell in July suing Mr Gilford's American lawyers for "their ill-motivated and evil scheme to make our ordeal worse than it would otherwise have been".

Salah al-Hejailan, the Saudi lawyer leading the defence case, has said that he believes Mr Gilford is risking \$1.2 million blood money to protect his lawyers. "The Saudi courts will take a dim view of his behaviour."



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Arts Council is cleared of 'cosy fixes' with opera

A REPORT into the relation-ship between the Arts Council and the Royal Opera House has cleared the two bodies of "cosy fixing" or of an "inap-propriate closeness", accordng to a summary released by the Arts Council yesterday.

However, the report by the solicitor Edward Walker-Arnott points to unsatisfactory procedures in the past management of the opera house, and makes proposals about "transparency, open-ness and clarity" in the future relationship between the Arts Council and the recipient of its iggest subsidy.

The report was commissioned in response to unease after the sudden transfer of Mary Allen from Secretary-General of the Arts Council to chief executive of the Opera

"Mr Walker-Arnott recognises that when Genista McIntosh decided to leave, the ROH believed - with good grounds - that it had a very serious crisis on its hands," the summary says. Ms Allen was appointed without a selection procedure, and "Lord Gowrie [the Arts Council chairman, taking individual ROH Board's decision".

The summary claims that "there was great pressure to avoid a leak." and that this meant that there was no time to involve Arts Council members in any decision-making

THE exhibitions secretary of

the Royal Academy of Arts

was yesterday forced to make

a public apology to the organ-

isation's council for deroga-

tory comments he made about

an academician in a television

raged academicians by the

dismissive remarks he made

about John Ward after the

artist called for his resignation

over the staging of an exhibi-

Report rejects claims of too close relationship with

Covent Garden, writes Richard

process. The summary says that "it is always easy with the benefit of hindsight to assert that matters could have been conducted more slowly and "Mr Walker-Arnott appreciates that the circumstances of Mary Allen's appointment might suggest to an uninformed observer an unusual

Morrison

— and inappropriate — closeness between the Arts Council of England and the ROH. He is, however, satisfied that the suspicion would be quite On the general question of

cosiness", the summary recognises that "there have been contacts between people at the top of ROH and the top of the Arts Council who move in the same circles" and that "this can lead to the appearance of confidential arranging of matters in informal situations". However, Mr Walker-Arnott is said to have found it "hard to envisage" any Arts Council

portrait of Myra Hindley. Last

month, Mr Rosenthal wrote a

letter of apology to Mr Ward

which was circulated among

Three members resigned

intended to upset the artist: "If

The summary is more critical of the Opera House's management. On the allegation that ROH board members and important fundraisers are interfering in the day-to-day running of the says: "For an individual nonexecutive director to by-pass the chief executive or another senior executive to exert pressure on some junior in the hierarchy is to detract serious-

fixing between individuals".

ly from good governance." And on the opera house's closure plans during Covent Garden's redevelopment, described last year by Lord Gowrie as "a shambles", the summary notes that "the new chairman, new chief executive and new finance director of the ROH have recognised that procedures prior to their arrival had been less than satisfactory".

The decision to issue only a nine-page summary prompted calls for the full report to be published. Rodney Milnes. The Times opera critic, said: "It is supremely uninformative. What have they got to

Lord Gowrie said: "It would be very difficult for any disinterested reader to make an enormous amount of sense of the report, because you would need a covering document explaining the whole funding

Apology ends academy row By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent gise." The 15-strong committee gave him a unanimous vote of confidence. The acade-

my said that the matter was

80 academicians. Many of Mr Ward had said of the them had attacked the institution for staging Sensation. decision to show the portrait of Myra Hindley, made by Marwhich features dismembered palmprints: "It is not a work of art at all. It's incredibly bor-Mr Rosenthal yesterday reing, cashing in on an inflamed iterated the sentiments of his letter, saying that he had not bit of tragedy."

"now closed"



The warrior and his horse lie uncovered after 1,500 years, beside the project officer Jo Caruth. She said the style of burial was extremely rare

How secrets of Saxon horsepower rose from the grave into the jet age

OVERHEAD, warriors of the 20th century roared across the sky in their F15 fighters. an archaeologist painstakingly removed the final traces of soil from a Saxon warrior and warhorse who journeyed across the landscape 1,500 years ago.

Jonathan Van Jennians measured bones and took photographs from every angle yesterday, to ensure that he had recorded every last detail of the rare find before the 6thcentury skeletons are removed tomorrow to make way for a new dormitory on the US air base at RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk.

"I have mixed emotions about moving them." he said. "But better I do it than the builders' JCB.

more than 200 graves has been found in the middle of the air base, opposite its sports ground. The discovery of the horse and man has been heralded as holding fresh clues to the Saxon way of life, on a par with the Sutton Hoo burial site in 1991.

The man is not far short of oft tall. His full set of teeth is faded to the same sandy colour as his bones. Clearly visible are the traces of his wooden shield with its metal handle, and his sword. Alongside him in his coffin were the bones of a sheep, placed as an offering or to provide sustenance in the next life. Next to the coffin lay the

horse, killed to accompany its owner and make plain his status as an aristocrat and warrior. The legs and neck were bent to fit into the plot. A wooden bucket, probably full of food, was buried by the horse's head.

been as big as 16 hands high. The skull has a marked depression between the eyes, where a blow can easily kill a



An artist's impression of a Saxon warrior

has been a decorative harness which will tell for the first time whether the animals were ridden or driven, British Museum plan to re- will be stored for research. large amount of the surround will form part of a museum ing soil, and exceptate it in display. ing soil, and excavate it in laboratory conditions. Jo

chaeological service, said: "It is a terribly exciting find. This is a style of burial similar to that seen in Scandanavia, but it is very rare in this country." The man was probably not

royalty, but was wealthy and important. "He would have been the equivalent of an aristocrat. They killed his horse because he needs it for the next life, and so they know now important he is when he gets there. Only a few people had horses. They were valuable animals. The family is showing that it not only owns. them, but that it can afford to kill one."

Close examination and scientific testing of samples may reveal what was left in the bucket for the horse, and what parasites man and beast suffered from. The grave will not reconstructed; the bones move the horse's head with a and photographs of the dig

Miss Caruth described the

condition because they were in chalk below a sandy soil. The site had been left undisturbed for a long time, and security at the air base meant there has been no trouble from amateur archaeologists.

The first indication of something unusual was the unearthing of a ring ditch around a burial mound. Another of the graves on the site contained a man buried with a sword, indicating his high rank since they were difficult to make. Other graves have revealed brooches, beads and tools Miss Caruth said: "We don't know to what extent they actually fought. Most of it is probably

"There is another Saxon cemetery here under the hospital which was excavated in the 1950s. This is very close to

would he very ordinary." Ministry of Defence, is due to



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Why did Tetbury cross the road? To stop the lorries

town of Teibury have never been known for their militancv. There were no riots against the poli tax, or anything else for that matter. It has never been declared a nuclear-free zone and a roving eco-warrior would find a cool welcome in the town's two dozen antique

But now residents have broken with tradition and are threatening a campaign of civil disobedience that would hearten younger anti-roads

protesters. Led by the Mayor, Brian Kimber, an army of pension-ers, antiques dealers and stout burghers are preparing for battle after losing a long-running campaign to ban lorries from the historic town. Starting next week they intend through the town by walking in single file backwards and forwards across Terbury's pe-

destrian crossing. By keeping on the move they claim they will not be breaking the law, just holding up the hundreds of forries that every day rattle the panes in their leaded windows.

Mr Kimber said: "We feel very strongly that we have been betrayed by the county council. We are now planning measures which will all be within the law but which will be designed to make drivers realise that it is wise to avoid Tetbury. Too many lorries have been using the town centre as a short cut and if we

Town's antique army takes to the streets to stop traffic breaching the

peace, reports Simon de Bruxelles

In his office in the 17th-century market hall, Rodger Williams, administrator of the town council, has counted between 400 and 600 lorries rumbling past in a day. He said: "It is totally inappropriare for what should be a quiet Cotswold town. Sometimes it's

can hold them up and make

life difficult for them they will

soon be deterred."

more like a motorway. After years of complaints the highways authority set aside £65,000 to provide diversions and stop lorries using the town as a short cut. Then last

week they announced that owing to objections from hauliers they were going to spend the money on something else." Inside the Grade I listed Tudor wool-merchants' house that serves as an antiques shop, Mervyn Woodburn grits his teeth every time a lorry trundles by. Vibrations resonate through the building which has changed little since it was built in 1590, and the stock of expensive antiques is dusted with a layer of Elizabethan plaster. Mr. Woodburn, a former

civil servant, said: "If we stop



Unwelcome visitor: a lorry passes through Telbury

and take another route. It isn't as though there isn't one."

For Peter Bristow, another antiques dealer, what hurts is that many of the lorries are carrying stone for the Circencester bypass which won approval at the same time Tetbury's was scrapped. Tetbury is visited by thou-

sands of tourists each year, many of them hoping for a glimpse of the Prince of Wales or his sons on outings from their home. Highgrove, a mile away. Several shops in the town bear the royal warrant.

Tetbury was founded at least as early as AD681 and during the Middle Ages rose to prosperity with the wool trade. Tourism and antiques are the principal earners.

they will be keeping a close eye

on the protesters. A spokes-man said: "It is an offence to loiter on a pedestrian crossing but it is not an offence to use a pedestrian crossing properly. Gloucester County Council denies it has scrapped plans to

divert lorries away from Terbury but it is reviewing them and has reallocated the funding in the meantime. Derek Howell, Cotswolds

area traffic manager, said that there was concern that forries would be diverted through other communities. This is not an easy problem to solve but we will now hold discus-

Murdoch warns against privacy law

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

RUPERT MURDOCH urged the media to resist demands for a privacy law yesterday in the wake of the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. He said that

voman in the street. Mr Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, said that newspapers would operate under a stronger and more effective code of ethics with the tought proposals recently made by Lord Wakeham, chairman of the

such laws were for the protection of the

privileged, not the ordinary man and

Press Complaints Commission, and wel- laws is to see if we can get a new privilege comed by newspaper editors: "I think for the already privileged and that you will see a great deal more restraint by all the newspapers in Britain and I think you'll see a stronger and better-policed

Mr Murdoch was speaking after the annual general meeting of News Corp's global media group in Adelaide, Australia. News Corp is also the parent company of Britain's leading tabloid newspapers, The Sun and News of the World.

He said: "Privacy laws are for the protection of the people who are already privileged, they are not for the ordinary man and woman. The talk of privacy

for the already privileged and that should be resisted by all journalists and all people involved in publishing and television the world over."

Mr Murdoch said that there had been instances of hypocrisy following the Paris car crash which killed the Princess. For instance, the first person to say that they don't buy pictures from the paperazzi was the Daily Mail and they had been buying in association with us, from the paparazzi within 24 hours of that

Media, pages 22-23

windows of

Students

who lost

hope start

at Oxford

BY DAVID CHARTER **EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT** TWO students too poor to study at Oxford took up places yesterday after their

academic careers were saved

by an appeal in The Times.

Up to £15.000 a year has been

guaranteed by individual do-

nors and trusts for Paulina

Wojtowska, from Poland,

and Jonida Giodede, Ox-

ford's only Albanian

The 18-year-olds expected

to have to share accommoda-

tion but were delighted to

find that they have their own

rooms in Pembroke College.

Miss Wojtowska, who gained

Mr Gates, the founder and chief executive of Microsoft, had earlier endorsed Tony Blair's plans to link Britain's 32,000 schools to the Internet by 2002. However, he added: "Nobody is suggesting that technology is a substitute for

the jet age

r cross th he lorrie

Speaking at St John's College, Cambridge, he said he agreed with the Princess.
Technology is just a tool and this will be a tool in the hands of teachers. of teachers. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important."

The Princess, speaking at the Headmasters' and Headmistresses Conference in Brighton, said the rise of information technology presented a new challenge to the teaching profession. Children needed more help than many recognised to turn on-screen information into knowledge.

THE Princess Royal found an

unlikely ally yesterday when

she warned schools against

allowing computers to domi-

nate education. Bill Gates,

largest computer software

company, agreed.

billionaire head of the world's

The Princess told heads of

independent schools that children needed to learn social

skills just as much as comput-

thing. It is the use of that information that becomes knowledge. Just having access to information isn't the same thing. That is a real challenge to those who educate."

elled to Holland Park compre-

London to launch the scheme.

The school was carefully cho-

sen by Downing Street

because it provides a powerful

illustration of the importance

of the initiative. The school's

150 computers, which have to

be shared by nearly 1,500 pupils, are old and will soon

The government scheme

will provide new equipment

linked to a massive website,

known as the National Grid

for Learning, which will pro-

vide a network of material to

help students studying infor-

mation technology. It will also

help with numeracy and liter-

acy. National Lottery money will be spent on training 500,000 teachers in informa-

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be obsolete:

tion technology.

Princess's attack

on computers is

backed by Gates

She said children also needed to be taught social skills. "If there are youngsters who are very competent with computers, they can learn everything that they need to know from these machines. But how do they learn to interact with other people?"
After his meeting with Mr

Blair, Mr Gates said that he was "delighted to have Microsoft involved in helping to shape some of the fundamental strategic thinking behind making technology an integral part of every aspect of British life". He said he fully endorsed the plan "to improve the learning experience for all Mr Gates did not offer any

financial backing for the project However, Mr Blair said that his support would give a tremendous boost to the scheme, which will provide El00 million of public money. Speaking after a fascinat-

ing" meeting, the Prime Minister said: "Getting the support and expertise of Bill Gates in this enterprise provides a real boost to our drive to make sure British children

Happy to be here: Jonida Giodede, left, and Paulina Woitowska at Pembroke College, Oxford, yesterday

undergraduate.

five A-grade A levels on a scholarship at Milifield, travelled from her home near the Polish border with Russia by bus. "It is just fantastic to be here," she said. "I could not believe it was happening until the last minuté. Miss Gjodede, from Vlorē, who gained an Internationa

Baccalaureat at a college in Norway on a scholarship, said that she had given up hope of a place at Oxford.

Cambridge gets windows of opportunity

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

academia yesterday when \$20 million richer than when Bill Gates, the world's richest he went to bed, the money is man, went to Cambridge. loose change For Cam-The admiration was mutual. bridge, however, this is big

The titing of the comput chief executive of Microsoft, The brains at Cambridge field near St John's College Bill — everyone calls him Bill were amazing. The university - wore a leaf-green suit and was amazing. The opportunia red tie covered to what ties were amazing.
That Tony Blair, whom he looked like grey slugs. His trademark lick of greasy hair over his brow had been had met in the morning, knew that the Internet was

amazing. Professor Stephen Hawking, whose friendship with Gates's chief technology trimmed into a designer ragged fringe. He was introduced and officer, Nathan Myhrvold, helped to inspire the dona-tion to Cambridge, was "an thanked by the university Vice-Chancellor, Alec Broers, an engineer by training. Proamazing, great guy". For Cambridge, Gates—or fessor Broers was working at IBM in the late seventies at least his generosity - was when the company bought an operating system for their PCs from a floppy-haired kid amazing too. This year, he has given \$20 million (£12.5 million) of his own

> For his lecture to computer students, Gates changed into a blue sweatshirt with Cambridge written across it in white letters. Gone was the corporate swell and in his

dropped out of Harvard after

He launched into the world of high computer science, well beyond those who find Windows a struggle. At the end of his talk, Gates was presented with a glass brick inscribed with the first computer program, called "a bootstrap loader". It was presented by David Wheeler, the Cambridge professor who wrote it in the late 1940s.

The program was short and simple. "Just the kind of program I like," said Gates. who, for all his billions, looks like an excited student just



charity's money to the univer-

sity and has pledged a £15 billion investment in a Micro-

soft computer research centre at the university. For a man

Gates: given the first

Rival firms seek slice of market

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A BATTLE for control of the educational computing market looks likely after Bill Gates's meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday at which he backed the Government's plans to link all schools to the Internet.

Despite the popularity in homes and businesses of Windows, the operating system which Mr Gates's company Microsoft makes, machines such as the British-made Acom microcomputer that operate on different systems still hold sway in British schools: The Government's plan to upgrade school computers and link them to the Internet should give Mr Gates's an opening to get more personal computers into schools that

use the Microsoft system.

Microsoft is co-operating

with BT, who want to cable the schools, and Research Machines, a British-based PC-maker. Mr Gates's company will also have the chance to sell their Internet Explorer software, which searches the Internet for information.

Computer firms are also keen to back the Government's £100 million scheme because they believe it will lead to a big growth in the market for PCs and software in homes and businesses as well as schools.

Not everyone is happy Charles Crook, an expert in computers and education at Loughborough University. said that Mr Gates and his company would probably make plenty of money from the Government's plan, but that children were unlikely to become better educated.

Suppose you could take the ashes of a used matchstick and somehow turn them back into a new matchstick, to burn again.

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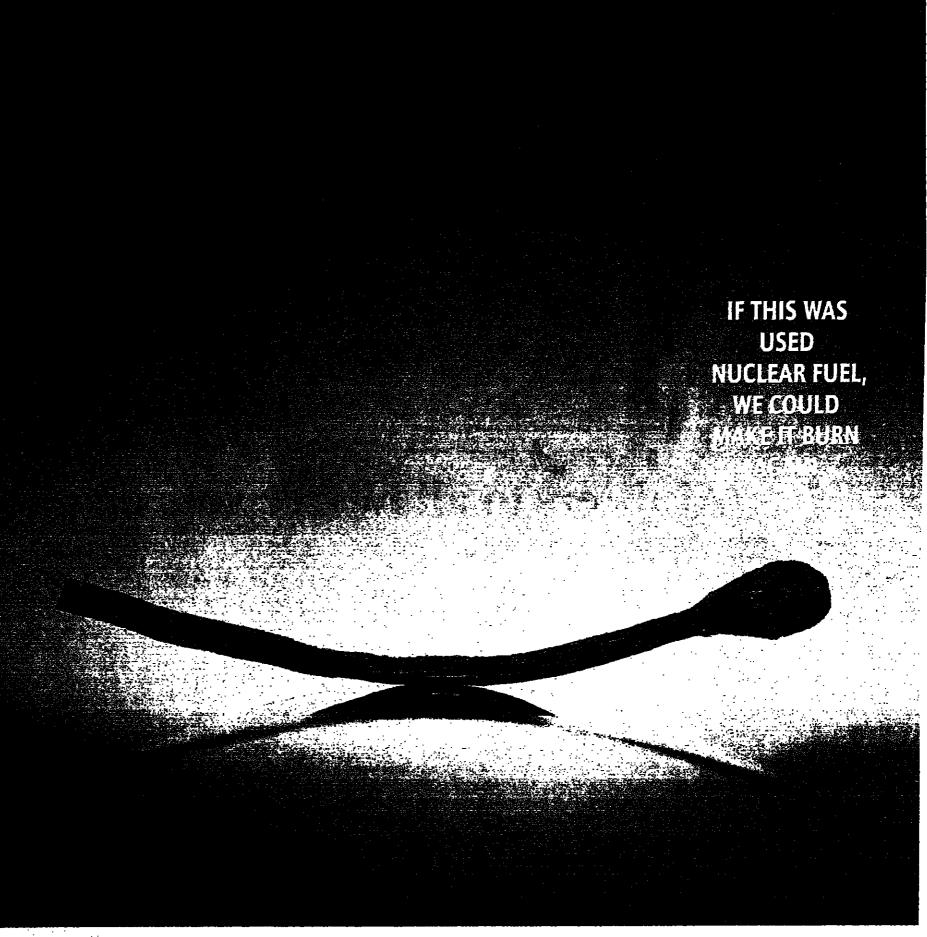
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Mellor claims a goal for fans going to Italy

BY RICHARD DUCE

DAVID MELLOR, embracing his new role as champion of the "decent" football fan, won assurances from Italy yesterday that policing of the England's World Cup qualifying match in Rome will not be

oppressive. Mr Mellor, head of the Government's football task force, had 45 minutes of talks with Paolo Galli, the Italian Ambassador, to express his concern that thousands of ordinary England fans will not be treated like hooligans. The meeting came less than 24 hours after British police said up to 700 known troublemakers were heading for Rome without tickets for Saturday's match.

Mr Mellor said afterwards that helpful assurances had been given about how the Italians will cope with an influx of 10,000 England supporters: "The chief of police in

Rome has assured the Ambassador that the civil rights of visiting supporters will be respected, and oppressive policing will not be a feature."

Mr Mellor's delegation included representatives of football supporters' groups. He said: "We've made the point that we have no sympathy with hooligans causing trouble, and they should be dealt with as the law permits. We are here to argue in favour of decent people, who have been vetted by the Football Association, or are going out on executive packages.

His main concern has centred on plans for fans to be searched up to three times before entering the Olympic Stadium in Rome, and having items such as coins and cigarette lighters confiscated in case they could be used as missiles. The Ambassador had assured him that "nothing will be done to the English fans that will not also be done to Italian fans. There will be consistency of treatment between the two nationalities."

Newspaper pays Freud damages

THE artist Lucian Freud and his daughter, Rose Boyt, yesterday received "substantial" libel damages from The Daily Telegraph for alleging that she was the mother of five children by him.

The "distressing" article by Daniel Farson appeared in the arts and books section last year under the heading "Charming Prince of Dark-ness", their solicitor Peter Carter-Ruck told the High Court. "It included the statement that Lucian Freud publicly acknowledges five children by Rose Boyt."

Mr Farson, the Editor.

Charles Moore, and the publisher "now readily acknowledge Rose Boyt is Lucian Freud's daughter and has no children by her father". They deeply regretted "this grave and distressing error" and withdrew "unreservedly any suggestion of impropriety be-tween Lucian Freud and his

daughter.

The Daily Telegraph agreed to pay undisclosed damages and legal costs.

Muted cheers greet Prince's restoration

Neighbours worry about commotion as plans to revive former royal residence are revealed, writes Joanna Bale

IT is one thing to have a prince for a neighbour, but quite another to put up with the media circus that comes with him. So it was entirely understandable that the citizens of Bagshot were yesterday giving only two cheers for Prince Edward's plan to move in next door, with or without his girlfriend. Sophie Rhys-Jones. Belinda Harvey, who runs the pet shop in the Surrey commuter town, said: "I suppose his presence will add to the prestige of the area, but it

could also annoy some people because of all the media attention that he will attract. especially with all this speculation that he is about to

announce his engagement." The Prince intends to restore the Grade II listed former royal residence, Bagshot Park, as his new home, but as plans were made available at council offices for public view there were concerns that he might not get planning per-mission for the changes he

wants to make. Scott Seaton, landlord of the King's Arms pub, predicted that the Prince could face opposition from residents to his scheme, which includes demolishing one of the wings of the 120-year-old house. He said: "People here are really petty and they like to complain about everything. I tried to change the pub sign and there

were lots of objections to it."

Vera Daglish, 77, whose great-grandfather worked on the royal estate, was one of those concerned about preserving the house. She said: "He's welcome to move in but he shouldn't be allowed to mess around with it."

Mary Bennett, assistant curator at Surrey Heath Museum in Camberley, hastily arranged an exhibition of historical photographs of Bagshot Park, which is also intended to be the base for the Prince's film production company, Ardent. She said: "There is already lots of media interest and we have been inundated with calls, but I think most people will be pleased that the Prince will be using it as a home, which is what it was

originally built for."

The house was built by Queen Victoria in 1875 for her third son, Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught prior to his marriage to Princess Louise-Margaret, Prince Edward,



Prince Edward: plans



Duke of Connaught: . home built for him

also a third son, has stressed that his plans are not connected with any development in relationship with Miss Rhys-Jones, his girlfriend of four years.

The main house and stables were occupied under a lease from the Crown by the Royal Army Chaplains' Department since the war, but it is now unoccupied. If planning permission is granted, the Prince will take a 50-year lease on the property from the Crown

The cost of the year-long refurbishment, which includes adding en-suite bathrooms, but nothing as extravagant as a swimming pool, will not be from the public purse. The Prince, who

lives at a Buckingham Palace apartment where Miss Rhys-Jones is a frequent overnight visitor, said he was attracted to the property because of its convenient location just outside the M25, within easy reach of Windsor and London It was also "incredibly pri-vate", set in 50 acres adjoining Crown Estate farmland and He has commissioned the

architect Stephen Batchelor of the London practice Bowyer Langlands Batchelor to carry out the work, which will also include accommodation for three staff. Once described as a "textbook example of a Victorian country house", the brick and stone mock Tudor building was criticised as

"scarifyingly ugly" and "like a Bournemouth hotel" by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner in his 1962 hook The Buildings of Eng-land. It was considered as a possible home for the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, after her marriage in 1947. One of the rooms which will

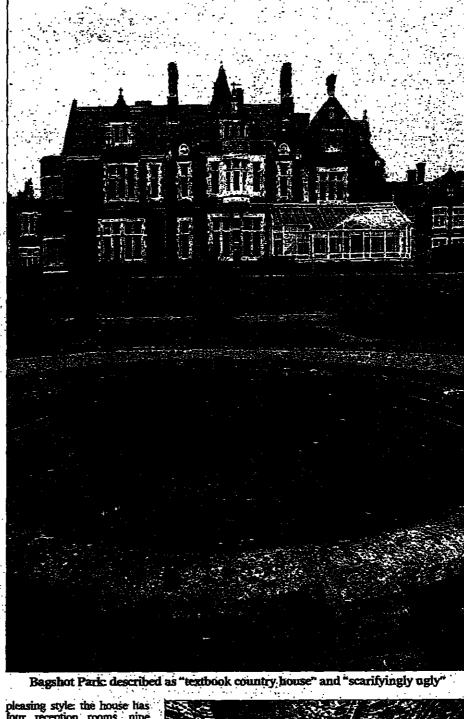
be preserved is the Indian Room, with its walls covered by carvings, and originally embellished with gems, which was a wedding gift to the Duke of Connaught from the princes of India.

John Sylvester, director of planning at Surrey Heath council, said: "We do not anticipate any major objections to the plans, despite its listed status, because the Prince has already had favourable reaction from English Heritage and the Victorian Society. However we don't know until we consult residents and other groups what the reaction will be."

Alastair Brissenden, manager of The Cricketers pub next to the house's main entrance, will be one of those consulted. He said: "I can't imagine him and Sophie popping in for drinks and a chat every Sunday, but I won't be making any objections to their

Built of red Victorian brick, Bagshot Park is a mite less distinguished than some other private royal residences (Alan Hamilton writes). Both the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal enjoy understated (8th century architectural style

Highgrove, near Terbury, was built in 1796 in a plain but



four reception rooms, nine main bedrooms, a nursery wing and staff quarters. Along with its gardens designed by the Prince, Highgrove is sur-rounded by its 900-acre home. farm, run by the Prince on strict organic principles.
The Princess Royal was

given Gatcombe Park by the Queen, who bought it in 1976, soon after her daughter's marriage to Captain Mark Phillips. Built in mellow Bath stone in the 1770s, Gatcombe has four reception rooms, five main and four secondary bedrooms, a library, billiard room, conservatory and staff wing. The Gatcombe estate extends to 730 acres, including woodland and a trout lake.

Whatever Prince Edward plans for Bagshot Park, it is unlikely he could stir up anything like the architectural bile aimed at Sunninghill Park, built in 1990 near Ascot for the Duke and Duchess of York at a cost of £3.5 million. It has 50 rooms including 12 bedrooms, a cinema, swimming pool. and a lavatory seat which plays The Star-Spangled Banner when sat upon.



Porter 'ignored warnings on homes sell-off

DAME Shirley Porter ignored the reservations of senior Westminster City Council officials and councillors over the sale of council homes in key marginal wards to poten-tial Tory voters, a court was

told yesterday. In a series of clashes during cross-examination of her High Court challenge to a E31 million surcharge imposed by the district auditor John Magill. Dame Shirley, 66, was questioned about warnings by one senior official that her aim of selling off 500 homes a year

was on the edge of perversity.

Alun Jones, QC, for the district auditor, told her-Your approach as leader of the council. I suggest, was that your first, foremost and primary consideration was not to fulfil your duty to the people living in Westminster but to make sure you got re-elected

in 1990." He pointed to a report m June 1987 in which Graham England, Westminster's former housing director, questioned the council's proposals to sell off 500 council homes a year across the city. Up to 250 of these were to be in eight marginal wards where the ruling Conservative group wanted to attract pro-Tory

Mr Jones said: "Did Mr England tell you that he thought 500 was on the edge of perversity? He could not justily more than 172."

Dame Shirley said she did not recall the choice of words. Although others had made representations she did not recall them being as forceful as he claimed. She said the council always took independent legal advice before enacting policies.

Never at any time did I do anything or take any actions that were not on behalf of the citizens of Westminster and I am not aware that I did anything improper at any time, she said.

She also denied claims that she had 'bulled' council offi-cases ying shehad listened to everything they said. I dri not know there the evidence is for that. I think I asked them to work hard, she said. Dame Shirley and four for-

mer Westminster officers and councillors are appealing against the surcharge. They claim the district auditor acted uniawfully and unfairly by accusing them of wilful misconduct" and "disgracegul and improper gerrymandering" between 1987 and 1989. The hearing is expected to last five weeks.

Ministers to allow free vote on gay age of consent



gives young gays hope

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs are to have a free vote on whether to lower the age of consent for homosexuals to 16 after the European Commission of Human Rights ruled yesterday that the law should be changed.

The Government said it would drop its opposition to legal challenges brought by two young gay men and instead refer the issue of the homosexual age of consent to Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

The deal was announced after the European Commission of Human Rights yesterday upheld the men's claim that the present age of consent of 18 contravenes the European Convention on Human Rights, It is

three years since MPs were last asked for their views during changes to the Tory Government's Criminal Justice and Public Order Act. Then, the Commons voted to lower the age from 21 to 18, but not to equalise it with the heterosexual age of consent.

Labour's majority now makes a vote for equality likely, with legislation by the end of the next parliamentary session at the latest.

The two London men who each took cases to Europe, Euan Suther-land, 20, of Dulwich, and Chris Morris, 18, of Ealing, claimed the unequal age of consent violated their rights under Article 8 of the European Convention, on the right to privacy, and Article 14, which protects against discrimination.

Mr Sutherland said: "The law

should treat everyone equally and it angers me that young gay men can still be treated as criminals

"I am delighted that the Government has decided not to contest the case and that we will have another opportunity of persuading MPs to vote for equality."

be began his legal action, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "Enough damage was being done to people up and down the country.

You didn't have to be prosecuted the mere threat, the mere thought of ending up in prison because of a sexual relationship is quite damaging to young people," he said: "By reducing the age of consent to 16, we

The commission heard Mr Sutherland's case in Strasbourg in Mr Sutherland, who was 17 when May last year. Mr Morris's case has not been heard. It said yesterday that the law was discriminatory and that "no objective and reasonable justification exists for the maintenance of a higher minimum age of consent to male homosexual than to heterosex-

Angela Mason, director of the gay rights group Stonewall, which backed the men, said: "A free vote in are encouraging people to make informed decisions. We are not Parliament will be an opportunity to

asking them to have sex. We are not

help young gays to express them-selves better. "It's very hard to come

out especially if you're saying not

only am I a gay but also a criminal."

Mr Morris said the decision would

encouraging them to have sex."

nation and bigotry and begin the process of accepting gay men and lesbians as equal citizens in society." However, not all Labour MPs will

vote for a change. Donald Anderson, who voted against reducing the age to 16 in 1994, said he would do so

The real issue was the protection of young people, he said. "I believe that to go lower than that [18] you make many vulnerable young people, who can be manipulated, move into a

lifestyle which is not their own. Many young men go through a homosexual phase, they flirt with homosexuality within that sort of age group, and may be manipulated into a homosexual community, into a community which is not their own."

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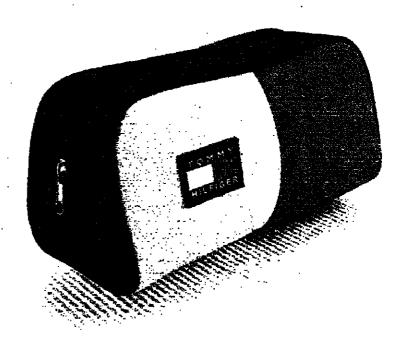
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'I want this party to be the greatest'

Unite behind my reforms, Hague urges

THE SPEECH

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

WILLIAM HAGUE called on his party yesterday to unite and fight, warning the Tories that they had "a mountain to climb" before they could re-He pledged to use the en-

dorsement given to him by Conservative Party members to press ahead with fundamental reform. "I have no illusion about the mammoth task ahead of us. But I pledge with every breath in my body to do everything in my power to rebuild this party," he said. He promised to involve

rank and file Tories more than ever in shaping policy. But he said that although they should not be afraid of debate. they must unite around the policies that were agreed.

"When I say we are going to double our party's member-ship, transform our organisation and take the time and trouble to listen to millions of people. I mean it. And I mean

THE BALLOT

Do you endorse William Hague as leader of the Conservative Party and support the principles of reform which he has outlined? Yes: 142.299 (80.78%) No: 34.092 (19.22%)

it, too, when I say that once we've decided our policy, we are all going to stick to it and

fight for it together." He said that the conference in Blackpool should mark the: week when the Conservatives drew a line in the sand and stopped apologising: "The week when we get up off our knees and stand tall again. whole world will see that the Conservatives are back in

business again.° Mr Hague urged represen tatives to speak their minds during this afternoon's debate on the future of the party. "I don't want any voice to be silenced or opinion to go unheard ... We need to involve our grassroots members, to listen to our supporters and to reach out to all parts of the country, to all sections of society and to all

Conservatives should not fear diversity and debate. The true strength of a party is not judged by whether everyone says exactly the same thing at exactly the same time. The

true strength of a party is judged by whether it can develop the ideas and bring on the talent to meet the challenges that this country will face in the future."

He and party members knew why the Conservatives had lost the election. "People thought we had lost touch with those we always claimed to represent. Our parliamentary party came to be seen as divided, arrogant, selfish and conceited. Our party as a whole was regarded as out of touch and irrelevant." Now it had to show the British people that it had learnt its lesson and would change.

Mr Hague said that the Tories should never forget that John Major and Margaret Thatcher had transformed Britain's economy from "a basket case" into one of the healthiest in the world. "We slashed taxes, we freed huge industries from the dead hand of state control, we handed power to consumers, families, parents and individuals."

The party should not be afraid of the future. "It now falls to all of us to make the changes to push forward the new ideas." He wanted the support of more young voters, more black and Asian people in the party and more women Tory MPs. "I want nothing less than to turn this party into the greatest volunteer party in the western world."

The Tories would be a constructive Opposition, supporting the Government when deserved praise but speaking out when it was wrong. In contrast, the Liberal Democrats had sold out. "Just look at Paddy Ashdown - bright eyes, quivering nose, panting heavily, begging, whimpering ecstatically for the next scrap Cabinet table.

"Remember how Harold Wilson had his famous labrador? Now, for the second time my lifetime, we have a Labour Prime Minister with a

faithful pet called Paddy." Earlier, Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, said the ballot on reforms had revealed a Tory membership of almost 400.000, more than the leadership had expected.

He praised Mr Hague as a man of substance and principle. But he was a modern man, rejecting stuffiness and

Simon Jenkins, page 18 Leading article and



Major pledges loyalty and condemns public brawling

JOHN MAJOR called on the Conservative Party yesterday to rediscover the art of working together as he pinpointed the unruly behaviour of Tory MPs as a key factor in the scale of the election

The former Prime Minister was given an affectionate reception by activists who appeared determined to show that they calamity of May I.

He brought off the near-impossible standing ovations before and after a speech in which he delivered scarcely veiled criticism of Baroness Thatcher, the heroine of every Tory conference.

Mr Major, whose frustration at what he regards as the lack of support he received from Lady Thatcher and her acolytes has been known for years, promised that he would give William Hague the unqualified support in public and in private that he had a right to expect

from his predecessor. Gasps intermingled with cheers as he continued: "If I should disagree with William, I'll do it in private, not on College Green (the area outside the Commons used by camera crews for political interviews], not on the media, not in anonymous briefings to the press that breed suspicion and distrust."

Rank and file affection

for the former Prime Minister is plain to see.

reports Philip Webster

Mr Major was cheered throughout by activists who saw him as a man getting off his chest in an address to a party audience the anger at the way his parliamentary colleagues had behaved. He told the activists that the election defeat was not their defeat. But when he added "perhaps it was mine", there were loud shouts of

There were cheers of agreement when he suggested that the cause might have been that "divided views - expressed without restraint — in the parliamentary

party made our positions impossible". In a reference to the way that sleaze allegations, particularly the Neil Hamilton affair, dogged his Government to the end, Mr Major said that he was backing Mr Hague's reforms because "never again must we be constitutionally powerless to deal with people whose

Before the election, Mr Major and the Tory hierarchy had wanted Mr Hamilton to step aside, but they had no power to

Mr Major said of the lost election: "Rather than brood over it, we must accept our defeat as gracefully as we can. recrimination." Things could not be left as

It's a simple choice reform the party. back William Hague, rediscover the art of working together, fight every seat, for every vote - or fight one another and lose elections."

He declared: "I know my choice. I'm backing William I'm backing him because he's an able man of talent and integrity with a tough job ahead. It will be difficult being the leader of a newly defeated party.

For a while, people won't wish to listen to what we have to say. But that will pass. The tide will turn — and, as the local election results are already suggesting. perhaps more speedily than anyone

With that Mr Major was away, leaving swiftly with his wife, Norma, for a lecture

The long route to reversing Tory fortunes

A NEW "ethics and integrity" committee will police the standards of Conservative MPs as part of plans to combat sleaze. A 39-page "green paper" of reforms for the party published yesterday also proposes that the Tory leadership should have the power to suspend or expel any party "lacks integrity and which is likely to bring the Party as a whole into disrepute".

The new committee would include the chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee and a senior representative of the voluntary wing and would meet twice a year and judge cases. Individuals under investigation will have the right to appear before it.

A governing "board", set up to run the new party, will have the final decision on what disciplinary powers are used. Any party member or official who refuses to accept the decision of the committee could be suspended, as could an entire constituency executive which refused, for example, to acknowledge that their MP had been found guilty of

The anti-sleaze moves are just one of a wide range of reforms which will be debated over the winter and agreed at a special conference in the spring. The document says the decline in organisation and membership is structural, not just cyclical, and there is no evidence of a revival of membership and activism.

The party has half the number of councillors it had in the 1980s and membership has declined from an estimated one million members in thousand. Last year the constituencies provided just four Local government A "Con per cent of the national party income and the number of professional agents has fallen from more than 500 in the 1950s to 148. Key proposals include:

Structure: A single "streamlined" party unifying the three existing and separate wings -MPs, Central Office and voluntary party. An all-powerful board would have 12 to 14 members including six elected from the voluntary party. Undemeath the board, would come a "national convention", made up of local party and area chairmen. Leadership: Although the case for membership involve-

ment is "overwhelming", MPs would still have the right to forward candidates. Members would take part via an electoral college but the document does not say at what stage. The college will have a "significant" percentage of the ballot but the amount is not given. Constitution: A new constitution will be drawn up. A constitutional college will be set up to adapt the document where necessary

Membership: A membership list will be kept, regularly up-dated, on a computer at Central Office. Subscription rates will be standardised, with a "gold card" giving greater rights to merchandise and party documents. Members might also be given the right to elect local party chairmen.

Youth: Young Conservatives. Conservative Students and Conservative Graduates could be merged into one body called Conservative Future. Alternatively Conservative Future would be an umbrella organisation over separate identities. The party aims to double membership in two years with half the new members under 36.

Women: Programmes will be set up encourage women to stand as Parliamentary candidates and local parties will be encouraged to to have women as 25 per cent of contenders interviewed in first round of the selection process. A Conservative Women's Network should get more women involved in the party.

Constituencies: Resources should be shared among constituencies. In populous urban areas. "city offices" should be set up to coordinate organisations under one agent. In offices should be twinned. servative Councillors' Association" should be set up to coordinate Tories in local government. One councillor would be elected to the board.Communications: computerised communications network will be set up to increase information between Mr Hague's private office, MPs, Central Office and con-

stituency offices. tive Political Centre, which debates policy and disseminates it to members, will be beefed up into a national policy development forum with direct input into the Leadership.

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Munish Chopra speaking yesterday

Tory boy follows leader's footsteps

By POLLY NEWTON

TWENTY years after the young William Hague made his Conservative conference debut in Blackpool, a 15-yearold boy told the same hall that he hoped to follow in the Tory leader's footsteps.

Munish Chopra, a member of Solihuli Young Conservatives, opened his speech with a reference to Mr Hague and his performance at the age of 16. He said: This young man now leads our party. Today another young man speaks before you. I hope in years to come I can echo his success." He said he was lucky to have grown up under a Tory Government that had offered educational opportunities he would not otherwise have enjoyed. "Young people do not want to live on handouts from the Government. Young people do not want to be natronised, but we want the opportunity to make something of ourselves. They, I. want to grow up in a society which gives the chance to fulfil

dreams and ambitions."

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Sausages, eggs and no nonsense at Mrs Cumpsty's B&B

Kenneth Clarke has chosen an archetypal landlady, writes Andrew Pierce

KENNETH CLARKE, who was one of the few Cabinet ministers to stand up to Margaret Thatcher, has now met an even more formidable taskmaster: Doreen Cumpsty.

The former Chancellor of

the Exchequer, who controlled billions of pounds and was put up in the most luxurious hotels in the world before the election, is staying at Mrs Cumpsty's £25-a-night bed-and-breakfast lodgings 20 yards from the rear entrance of the Winter Gardens. Mr Clarke has discovered that Mrs Cumpsty is an archetypal seaside boarding house landlady who brooks no nonsense from guests, whoever they are. John Gummer, the former Environment Secretary, and his wife, Penny, are in the next room. Michael McManus, private secretary to Sir Edward Heath, who worked on Mr Clarke's leadership bid, is on the same floor.

They are staying in the aptly named White House, but Mr Clarke, whose former Cabinet colleagues are staying in £400 spites at the fivestar Imperial Hotel, cannot afford to have any delusions of grandeur.

There are no frills here," Mrs Cumpsty said. "What you see is what you get. I make that clear straight away to all my guests.'

For \$25 a night Mr Clarke



The Clarkes setting off for the conference yesterday

has the luxury of an en-suite bathroom, television, tea and coffee making facilities in his room, and heated outside corridor. The breakfast regime is strict at the 12-room

at 8.15am or 8.30 sharp. "I get up half an hour earlier to

Mr Clarke, as he sat down for breakfast today, had a choice of three cereals foland bosse. They can have a tomsso if they don't want beans," said Mrs Compsty, who has never been abroad or

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each day in the diring room, which is decorated with blue floral wallaper, matching cortains and carpet, and pick chandeliers. There is a minielectric organ if Mr Clarke wants to lead the other guests, who are all conference represenatives, in a sing-

The rules are strict," said chain-smoking Mrs whisky and lemonade "I den't have stag parties here. We are not that sort of establishment. People can come and go as they please but they must not bring

"I thick we are just as good as the imperial. We might not have a beer, swimming pool or restaurant, but we are much cosier and we don't need all the staff." The floral sheets and duvet covers are changed every other day.

Mr Clarke, who has picked

up two lucrative City jobs since he left the front bench, is suitably impressed. "I am not skulking in here. It is very cosy. It is right next to the conference centre, which



Mrs Cumpsty is proud of her £25-a-night boarding house: "I think we are just as good as the Imperial." she says

the rain. The Gummers have been coming here for 20

wife that we all stay together. I thought not being at the ed advantage. I thought that I would avoid the press." Mrs Cumpsty and her hus-

band, Jack, who run a block of seaside flatlets across the road, were bemused by the fuss about having Mr Clarke under their roof. She said: "We are always full up with conference guests. We don't take a lot of notice of them." Mr Cumpsty was even less impressed. "I don't even know

liam Haarg, isn't it? We voted Labour anyway. But don't tell Mr Clarke. We would like him to come back next year. He would have made a much better leader than William

'We must defend rural life'

DAVID CURRY, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, said the Tories were the party that fought for the countryside

(Polly Newton writes). Speaking in a debate on rural life. Mr Curry said the mined to challenge rural attitudes, particularly towards field sports. But, he said, the Conservatives must be the party of commuters, businessmen, teachers and others who lived and worked in rural areas, not just of the farmer and the sportsman.

"We fight for a countryside which, in its little industrial estates, its converted mills, its farm buildings, its small offices, is one of the great driving forces behind a vibrant, competitive economy based on enterprise, risk and

Fowler signals an end to rate-capping policy

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories are to abandon the policy introduced by Margaret Thatcher of capping council spending. The move is anded inviewive the hattered morale of Tory councillors who, after successive election defeats, hold just 25 councils. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, speaking in the opening dehate of the Conservative conference, promised that the party would listen to the concerns of Tory councillors. The Conservative Government introduced rate-capping

our councils. Sir Norman announced yesterday that he would set up a group, which would include

to expose high-spending Lab-

aspect of Conservative policy on local government. The group would look "not just at structure and funding but also at the services where local government is responsible," Sir Norman said. "And yes, we will look again at whether or not we should support it capping of every authority."

He conceded: Too often in the past, we have not given our councillors the backing they deserve. Too often in the past, Tory ministers visited local areas without lesting Conservative councillers know that they were there.
"So let us resolve, here and

now: no more separation of national and local campaigning — we will win together or not at all."

"And no more treating Conservative councillors as secand wie with them."

manded that the capping of spending should be en arguing that it concealed the tendency of Labour and the individual councils are prevented from spending above a specified amount.

Labour's king-term plan is to lift camping but John Prescott, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transpor and the Regions, indicated recently that the policy would be retained for a further year in an attempt to contain local

Sir Norman said that more than 4,000 council seats would come up for election next year, and in May 1999 there would be a further 12,000. The Tories were winning council by-elec-



work with councillors

tions, he said. "Let no one ask where our priorities lie. Local government, local government and local government." Sir Norman said that

Labour was vulnerable over its record in local government. The Labour Party itself had taken disciplinary action in a number of localities, he said. He urged Tony Blair to set up independent commission with special powers to investigate and report to the public. rather than "cosy internal party inquiries".

Lost seats to have MP twins

CONSTITUENCIES that lost their Conservative MP at the election will be "twinned" with one from another seat under an initiative announced yesterday (Polly Newton writes):

Gillian Shephard, the Shadow Leader of the House, who said it would help local Conservative Associations without their own MP to maintain a personal link with the House of Commons.

Mrs Shephard said that twinned MPs would provide a regular Westminster report for the constituencies under their wing.

More than 130 of the seats which the Tories lost on May I have already been allocated a twin. The scheme will cover Scotland and Wales, where

Dorrell attacks tuition fees plan

STEPHEN DORRELL criticised Labour's decision to impose tuition fees on university students and vowed the Tories would vote against the Bill in the Commons.

The Shadow Education Secretary also criticised the Government's "centrist" education policy which he said would erode choice for parents, pupils and teachers.

"Labour want to give back power to the man in Whitehall. We believe it is parents and pupils and teachers who should have the power in the education system. We want to give real choice back to real people.

In a fringe speech last night Mr Dorrell turned on Labour for rejecting the main proposals in the Dearing report on higher education. Sir Ron

imposing 25 per cent tuition fees, but he did not propose the abolition of maintenance grants. Labour decided to ignore that at its peril, said Mr Dorrell.

"Mr Blunkett's policy for higher education is, in reality. told by the Treasury to cut spending on student maintenance despite Dearing's recommendations to the contrary. "He has introduced the

principle of student contributions to tuition costs without giving either student or university the assurance that the tuition fee will be available to the university. In doing so he is breaking faith with everybody."

He also criticised plans to phase out the assisted places scheme at private schools.

Mass membership will not guarantee party's revival

THE main political parties have all been struggling to maintain their democratic legitimaty. They have faced declines both in party activism and in their traditional sources of funds. In response, Labour, before the election, and the Tories now, in their Blueprint for Change proposals, have sought to create a mass membership which has a direct say in the election of the leader and is regularly consulted

on policy.
Yesterday this was presented as implementing two of william Hague's six main principles democracy and involvement. It all seems an age away from the party's

traditional hierarchical approach in which the leadership took all the decisions and the rank and file's main role was to applaud, and to canvass.

But the reality is different. What is actually happening, with both Labour and the Tories, is the creation of a plebiscitory rather than a participatory system. The national leadership is likely to be strengthened and the new mass membership may be no substitute for the old activist base.

The Blairite Labour Party is, in practice, a highly centralised campaigning organisation. The rise in individual Labour membership of

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more than three quarters over the past three years to well over 400,000 has not changed the way decisions are taken. Mr Blair has sought ratification from the increased number of members for his new initiatives — both the rewrit-

ing of Clause Four and last year's pre-manifesto programme — but he has not really involved them in policymaking. Mass membership ballots are a way for the leadership to go over the heads of the more

tivists, and trade union leaders. The new members are an adjunct while also being an important additional source of finance.

A national membership scheme of the type also envisaged by the Tories has obvious advantages in efficiency and fundraising. But there is considerable academic evidence that nationally recruited members are much less active than locally recruited ones. As Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a leading authority on party organisation, recently told a conference at Essex University, "the modern method of

recording and renewing subscriptions leads to a more passive membership. Whereas 'old membership' may have had something of the quality of membership of a local church, new membership may be more akin to a subscription to the Automobile Association or to a national charity: in other words. it generally leads to a flurry of junk mail' from the headquarters but to

little participation." So even if the Tories achieve Mr Hague's ambitious target of doubling membership to 800,000 and eventually aiming for one million - the health and activism of local parties may not automatically revive. Mr Hague has pro-posed to involve members in votes on the main programme on which the party will fight the next election. and possibly also on big issues such as the single currency. But, despite all the talk of "listening" and shaking up the party's political education side, the emphasis is still top down, rather than down up.

The new model political party will be more open, particularly in its fundraising, and will involve ordinary members more in internal elections. These are all desirable in themselves. Moreover, we are anyway moving to a more formal system of rules regulating

be formally registered under the system of proportional representation for the Scottish, Welsh and European elections. The Government has anyway promised legislation banning foreign donations and the subject will be reviewed by the Nolan committee.

But this is not really more democratic or participatory. The new members have to be offered a greater say and more information to persuade them to part with their money. But the leadership retains the levers of power.

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troops kill 500 Kurds

Ankara: Turkish forces have killed 538 Kurdish separatist rebels in a threeweek incursion into northem Iraq, Turkish military officials said yesterday. They gave no figure for Turkish losses, but said that four soldiers were

About 15,000 Turkish troops crossed the border three weeks ago in a push against Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) guerril-las. More than 26,000 people have been killed in the 13-year conflict.

In another incident, 50 convoy of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) was reportedly ambushed. apparently by the PKK, south of Arbil. The KDP

is allied with Turkey. A United Nations convoy came under fire near the Turkish border in northern Iraq but there were no casualties, according to a UN spokesman in Baghdad. (Reuters, AFP)

'Mad' widow holds out against US police siege

real threat."

person is a danger to himself

or others, even if no criminal

in a case like Mrs Allen's -

allegation is involved.

SEPARATIST militiamen from all over America have rallied to the side of a 51-yearold widow in rural Illinois who, refusing to comply with a court order for a psychiatric examination, has barricaded herself in her farmhouse as heavily armed police laid siege outside for the sixteenth

successive day. attempting to secure the surrender of Shirley Allen, from the town of Robie, near Springfield, whose siblings and stepdaughter won a court order last month that obliges her to take a mental test.

Mrs Allen, who does not doubt her own sanity and who believes that the judge's writ is a manoeuvre to take her farm away from her, slammed the door in the face of the legal officer who tried to serve the papers on her last month.

The police soon arrived first in one patrol car, then two, and finally 15 - to "coax" her to come out. She refused. spraying them spiritedly with buckshot. Mrs Allen asserts

that since she has broken no law and "done no one no harm", she is entitled to be at liberty. Her arguments have won support from neighbours and friends, many of whom have conducted heated ex-

changes with police officers. Since September 22, the police have tried everything to get Mrs Allen out, using tear gas and "bean bag" bullets. Memorably, they even played



Allen in an undated family photograph

a Barry Manilow record on dence needed to commit her is for her to take a mental their loud hailer, in the hope examination — the judge can order her to be examined if he that the unctuous crooner's music would drive her to turn has prima facie evidence to herself in. Copacabana, however, failed to break her show that such tests would be

The police have now cut off The testimony of her relaher water, her telephone line tives, it appears, satisfied the and her electricity. Residents judge. They claimed that Mrs are enraged, as are an assort-Allen, widowed in 1989, is ment of separatist militiamen, many of whom have rallied to paranoid and poses "a threat to herself and the public".

Had Mrs Allen been the scene. One of them, Scott Slinkard, of the Southern Illibrought in as planned, a nois Patriots League, told ABC television: "We can't psychiatrist at the St John's Hospital in Springfield would have conducted the evaluation tolerate this in our country. Shirley Allen is not a threat. and determined whether a I'm not a threat. Those guys commitment was justified. down there in uniforms and

Don Jackson, a Springfield tactical suits - now them's the radio talk show host who has spent days lambasting the police's handling of the case. Under Illinois law, a judge said: "People are frightened can commit a person to a mental institution for treatthat this could happen to ment if it is shown that the

Mrs Allen has also received support from the American Civil Liberties Union which points out that commitment in which the only way to secure the psychological evilaw is frequently abused by relatives for financial gain.



Babes in arms: Four-month-old orangutans hold each other at a rehabilitation centre in Kalimantan on the Indonesian side of Borneo. The World Wide Fund for Nature estimates that at least 29 orangutans have died because of recent forest fires

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Papon defiant over war crimes charges

Bordeaux: Maurice Papon, 87, the former French Cabinet minister accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their deaths during the Second World War, was consigned to a Bordeaux prison cell last night to await the start of his trial today for alleged crimes against humanity (Ben Macintyre writes). The former civil sevent remained defiant as he turned himself in at Gradienan Prison, outside Bordeaux, on the eve of the trial.

M Papon accused the prosecution of "falsifying history", and condemned the trial as "a masquerade unworthy of a lawabiding nation". Under French law, in such serious cases the accused is usually required to remain in prison throughout the trial, but at today's initial hearing, defence lawyers are expected to argue M Papon should be released on bail because of his age and ill health. M Papon's lawyer has claimed that his client will not be able to withstand the strain of a three-month trial if he is forced to stay in jail.

400 die in Sri Lanka battle

Colombo: More than 400 people died in two days of heavy fighting as Sri Lankan troops trying to capture a key northern highway fought off attacks by Tamil Tiger rebels. The Defence Ministry said about 350 rebels and 64 soldiers, including four officers, died in the battle to capture the highway linking the government-held frontline town of Vavuniya to Jaffna peninsula. The fighting occurred as troops advanced towards Mankulam. 165 miles northeast of Colombo. The ministry said the rebels were having difficulty taking out their dead and wounded after the military blocked key road links. The rebel death toll was based on intercepted Tiger radio transmissions and bodies on the battlefield, officials said. (Reuters)

Police reforms under fire

Brussels: Jean-Luc Dehaene, right, the Belgian Prime Minister, set out his Government's plans for streamlining the country's three police forces, whose reputations are at a low ebb over a series of mishandled child rape and murder cases. But, even before the ink was dry on the well-leaked plan. a typical Belgian compromise, it came under attack from police, magistrates, politicians and the media, who denounced it as either muddled or inadequate, or both. (Reuter)



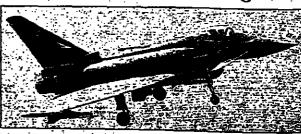
Labour reassures Gibraltar

Gibraltar. During the first visit by a British minister since the May general election, Douglas Henderson, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, assured Gibraltarians that Britain remains committed to the future of the Rock (Dominique Searle writes). He is not expected to to announce any change in policy. Last month Ken Purchase, parliamentary private secretary to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, angered some opposition politicians when he said Spain, as well as Britain and Gibraltar, held the key to a solution of the disputed sovereignty issue.

Nazis 'stole £5.3bn in gold'

Los Angeles: Nazi Germany stole at least \$8.5 billion (£5.3 billion) in gold at today's prices — about \$1.5 billion more than previously believed — from its own citizens, Europe's Jews and the treasuries of the countries it occupied, according to a report by Sidney Zabludoff, an international economist, published by the World Jewish Congress. The report said that Switzerland was the first stop for 85 per cent of the \$5.2 billion in gold that Germany sent out of the country during the war. (Reuters)

Bonn set to buy Eurofighter



The German Government is expected to approve the purchase of 180 Eurofighter combat aircraft, above, at a cost of DM23.5 billion (£8.5 billion) at a crucial Cabinet meeting today (Michael Evans writes). Yesterday the Free Democrats (FDP), the junior partner in Government, said it would back the aircraft programme since the Eurofighter was vital for Germany's defence and would promote European co-operation in other high-technology projects. In the past, the FDP has been split over Eurofighter. Even if Cabinet approval is forthcoming, the final hurdle will come next month when the Bundestag will vote on Germany's continued participation in a programme it threatened to leave two years ago.

High-voltage protest

Tirana: Three towns in southern Albania suffered a four-hour blackout after a man who had failed to cross into Greece threatened to hang himself from a high-voltage pylon. Police ordered the power supply to be turned off while villagers tried to tempt Neim Lisi, 19, down with bread and water. The police finally enticed him off the pylon with promises of either a job in the police or papers to reach Greece. (Reuter)

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Emotions tell as Foale

recalls Mir collision

IT TAKES a lot to puncture the steel nerves of Michael Foale, but memories of a nearfatal collision in space left the British-born astronaut struggling for words yesterday. Returning finally to the

Kennedy Space Centre after more than four months on board the Mir Russian space station. Dr Foale offered his first public assessment of the incident in which an unmanned resupply ship collid-

ed with the ageing craft.

Loyal to the last about his blighted mission and fellow cosmonauts, the astronaut nonetheless was unable to conceal the profound effect on the crew of the accident in June, the worst in Mir's 11-

year history.

Dr Foale said that Vasili Tsibliyev, the former Russian blamed himself for the incident when he used a remote control device to steer the Progress resupply ship into the Spektr science module, piercing its airtight solar

Commander Tsibliyev, initially blamed for the accident by officials at the Baikonur cosmodrome, was further swathed in self-guilt after he recognised that an irregular heartbeat would prevent him from making an essential spacewalk to begin repairs on the damaged module.

The cosmonaut was effectively cleared of personal re-sponsibility by an official

inquiry last week but Dr Foale .. the removal of a critical comrecounted his colleague's feelings as the most memorable moment of the voyage. "He felt responsible for the whole accident ... which I don't quite feel," said Dr Foale, 40,

who, suddenly choked by emotion and unable to continue, added: "No, this is too hard to talk about." It was the first sign of a crack in the otherwise resolute

and good-humoured armour that has been Dr Foale's seemingly constant public face since he blasted off into orbit in May. During his 145 days in space. Dr Foale, who has a PhD in astrophysics from Cambridge, had endured a catalogue of errors ranging from the collision to constant technical failures, including

puter cable that left Mir drifting in orbit without power

In the final ignominy, his return trip to Earth had been delayed by a day after thick clouds prevented Atlantis, the US space shuttle, from landing at Cape Canaveral as scheduled on Sunday night. Wearing a Stars and Stripes

basehall cap, sitting in front of his wife. Raonda, and clutch-ing the couple's two children, Jenna and Ian, he said that his first goal was to learn how to walk again after the weightlessness of space. "I don't feel particularly heavy but I am a little uncertain in terms of walking and balance," he said. "I probably want to get strong enough to go outside and walk

outside Houston. Dr Foale had already spent his delayed hours on board the space shuttle ordering his first proper meal in four months. By the time that Atlantis had glided to a halt, Nasa had prepared a vegetable lasagna, pizza with every topping available and chocolate-chip cookies. The Foeles, who are plan-ning a windsuring holiday in Mexico as soon as the Nasa

... I am very glad to be holding these children."

Ian, three, has learnt to talk

while his father has been in

orbit. Dr Foale described him

as a "rebel" and said Jenna, a

giggling five year-old, had be-come a "little lady" in the time

he had spent away from home.
While his wife, a former
Nasa geologist, had bought
copious supplies of his favour-

ite hamburgers to barbecue at

their home at Galveston Bay.

debriefings are complete, were visibly relieved to be together. "I am looking forward to a vacation in the sun and getting a tan," Dr Foele said. "After that, who knows? Europe or Russia maybe. □ Cargo delay: An unmanned cargo craft loaded with refuse was detached from

Mir a day late yesterday. Mission Control blamed the delay on the crew forgetting to detach a locking device. The replacement cargo craft, carrying oxygen, fuel, water and scientific equipment, is sched-



Mossad inquiry branded as fraud

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

LEADING members of Israel's left-wing Opposition yesterday dismissed as a "fraud and whitewash" the Government's move to set up a commission to investigate last month's bungled Mossad plot to assassinate a Hamas leader

In a blistering attack on Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Prime Minister. Ehud Barak, the newly appointed head of the main opposition Labour Party, said: "It is impossible to sleep at night when this is the manner of decision-making in the Prime Minister's office."

Mr Barak, Israel's most decorated soldier, who once acted as Mr Netanyahu's commander in an elite anti-terrorist unit, added: "This is not a partisan subject. It is a matter of national responsibility. The Prime Minister's wretched decision in the matter of the action in Amman caused serious damage to our relations with Jordan, the exposure of Mossad's operational methods, Israel's exposure to reprisal acts of terror and the weakening of the struggle against terror."

Mr Netanyahu pledged that his three-man commission would conduct a full investigation. But opposition politicians and some leading members of the security establishment complained that it would lack the teeth of an independent inquiry headed by a judge.

Appeal by Prodi for Communist backing

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Italian Prime Minister, Professor Romano Prodi, yesterday struggled to save his 18-month-old Centre-Left Government from collapse, making an emotional appeal to his Communist allies in parliament to back him ever his "budget for Europe". The

The country will not understand if our Communist allies, who have given us their backing for 500 days, make a political crisis into a gevernment crisis by voting against a budget based on investment, job creation and reform of the welfare state," Signor Predi declared in an hour-long speech opening the debate on the 1998 budget.

This is a decisive moment for Italy and Europe," the Prime minister said. He was given a standing ovation by the moderate Left, but Fausto Bertinotti, the leader of Communist Refoundation, sat

impassively. The Government depends on the 35 Refoundation MPs for its parliamentary majority. Signor Bertinotti said.

after six hours of crisis talks with Signer Prodi on Mon-day night that the Gevernment's responses to Commun-ist demands had been "totally inadequate", and there would have to be "substantial modifications" to the budget, with unemployment. But he said

damaged working people Rut he left the de Predi to give him "a sign" that he was willing to meet some

which includes £1.5 billion of welfare cuts, is crucial to Italy's hopes of qualifying for the European sin by reducing the budget deficit to 3 per cent of gross demestic product, as required by the Maastricht treaty.

Hopes for a compromise with the Communists centre sals for a 35-hour k, and for jeb creation in the backward South.

Michael Foale hugs his children, Ian and Jenna, at the Kennedy Space Centre uled to dock with Mir Rhonda Foale, with a poster featuring a tool kit to welcome her husband home from his Mir mission When you try something new, it's When you try something new, it's no risk. great to know there's no risk. Varifocals from Things you now take for granted. So you probably never thought you'd have to go through the most basic education process again. Learning to see. At a certain age, say around 40-50, your eyesight begins to change. Switching focus between distant and close-up objects becomes more difficult. It's at this point that many people have to start wearing bifocal lenses, with that tell-tale dividing line on their lenses. Well, there is an alternative - the Specsavers varifocal lens. Varifocals have revolutionised dual-prescription spectacles. But they can sometimes take a bit of getting used to. A little practice. So, at Specsavers Opticians, because we're so confident that you'll take to them, we've developed a varifocal lens trial. Our varifocal spectacles start from just £84.95 including the lenses. If you buy a pair from us and you find you can't get on with them, we'll replace the lenses with a pair of standard bifocals, or ensure you have two pairs of spectacles to your different prescriptions; and refund you any price difference."

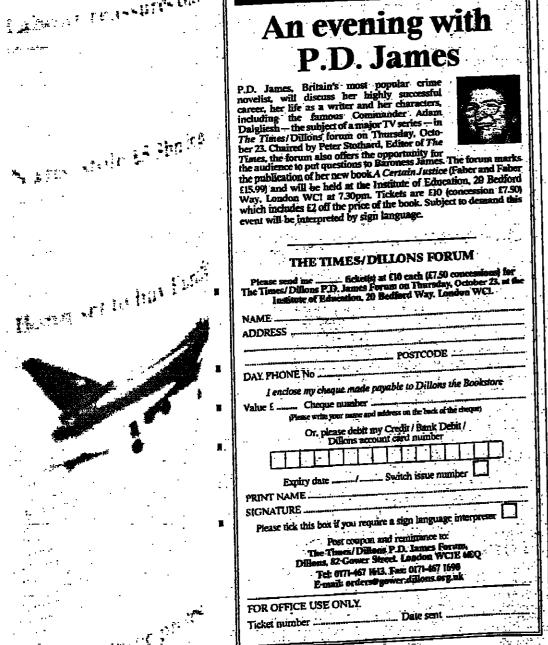
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Jospin's broken vows reap fury of unions

(RENCH rail workers last hight mounted the first big strike of the autumn to bolster demands for a cut in the working week before an employment conference that will present the four-month-old Socialist Government with its wughest challenge so far.

The tour main unions of the work called the 36-hour strike, due to end tomorrow morning, to press for higher wages. additional jobs and improved working conditions, but the key bone of contention is the row over whether the Government will fulfil its election promise to reduce the working week from 39 hours to 35.

SNCF officials said the strike would not affect Eurostar trains between London and Paris, but highspeed TGV routes, regional and suburban services are likely to be cut by up to two thirds today. Paris is expected to be most seriously affected, with a series of Métro strikes.

Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, has appeared to back off from promises to cut the working week without loss of pay. He even described the Left's election slogan — "Work 35 hours, get paid for 39" — as "anti-economic".

That stance has encouraged business leaders and boosted the stock market, but it has provoked anger among M Jospin's Communist coalition alFrench rail workers are striking to back campaign for shorter hours,

writes Ben Macintyre in Paris

unions threatening mass acintroduced immediately. With France facing a crippling unemployment level of 12.5 per cent, many economists

argue that reducing the working week without loss of earnings is economic spicide. Government officials have predicted it would create more than a million new jobs, but employers say it would discourage businesses from hir-ing more workers and put a brake on the economy just as

growth is recovering.
"Switching to 35 hours is like awarding another five weeks of holiday. It would

certainly result in unacceptable cost increases and further unemployment," said Jean Gandois, head of the CNPF employers' association.

The crunch will come on Friday when the Government hosts a long-awaited conference on jobs, wages and working hours. An agreement in the short term on working hours appears highly unlikely. The employers associations have threatened to boycott talks if the measure is pushed through by legislation.

may propose a series of compromise incentives to reduce

EU job targets rejected

have rejected proposals to target the creation of 12 million jobs in five years and cut Europe's jobless rate from 10.7 to 7 per cent.

Employment and social affairs ministers from the 15 EU states yesterday expressed concern that the adoption of headline targets would raise false expectaworking hours over time, pos-

popular backlash if the ambitious objectives are not met. The ministers did, however, broadly back a Commission proposal for every unemployed adult to be offered a job or training place within months of becoming jobless (six months for unem-ployed youth). EU leaders will discuss employment at a November 21 summit. (AFP)

Today's strike will be seen as a crucial test of union strength, but the issue of working hours is only one of several areas in which leftvingers have accused M Jospin of reneging on his campaign promises. His decision to reform the previous Government's tough immigration laws - contrasting with his earlier vow to abolish them completely — has led to charges of hypocrisy from the French "moral Left".

Last week, more than 1,000 intellectuals and artists launched a petition calling on M Jospin to scrap the laws. However, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the Interior Minister, has refused to grant residence permits to all 90,000 immigrant applicants.

A government-appointed committee has recommended liberalising the rules on political asylum and restoring the right of citizenship to anyone born in France. A draft immigration law will be unveiled

Since his surprise election in June, M Jospin has retained high popularity ratings. But as the signs of dissent mount, the harsh reality of the contradictions between M Jospin's promises and his capacity to honour them are becoming daily more apparent.

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Khaldei: photographed war's fiercest fighting

Creator of Soviet icon dies at 80

Moscow: Yevgeni Khaldei most celebrated pictures of the Second World War, showing a Soviet soldier raising his national flag over the Reichstag in Berlin, died yesterday at the age of 80

(Robin Lodge writes). Mr Khaldei, an army pho-tographer who survived four years of some of the most bitter fighting of the war, from the German invasion in 1941 to the final crushing of the Third Reich, became one phers of the postwar period, despite being sacked twice for being Jewish. He photographed every Russian Communist leader from Stalin, but received no royalties.



The famed Khaldei image of the Soviet soldier on top of the Reichstag in 1945

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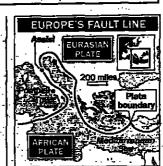
RED CROSS officials yester-day called on Russia's new wealthy to dig into their pockets to help an estimated 31 million people — more than a fifth of the population — living below the poverty line. It is feared many may not survive

At the launch of the Red Cross Winter Emergency Appeal, Boris Ionov, Vice-President of the Russian Red Cross. said it was time the country's rich assumed their social responsibilities. "We keep hearing from the bankers about the need to build a civilised society. Those bankers should be here now, because this is a real chance to build that

The appeal, which is being organised by the Russian Red Cross and the Geneva-based International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, aims to draw attention to a humanitaric... misis being faced this winter by Russia and the former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. It hopes to raise \$15 million (£9.3 million) — \$10 million of which would go to Russia. While a proportion of this sum will be provided by Red Cross societies abroad the emphasis is on Russia helping itself.

Living standards in the former Soviet Union have plummeted since the collapse of state welfare and guaranteed employment. According to the World Bank, consumer prices rose in Russia by nearly 400 per cent a year between 1990 and 1995, leaving pensioners and the growing numbers of unemployed unable to make ends meet. Healthcare, starved of government funding has deteriorated to the point of catastrophe. Infant mortality last year reached 20 per 1,000 live births, while the number of reported cases of tuberculosis more than doubled to 111,075 between 1990 and 1996. Average life expectancy for men is 59.

According to a Russian govemment survey, more than half the people in Khakasia, a region of southern Siberia nicked out as needing special assistance, are living below the official minimum standard. In one district more than 530 children did not go to school last-winter because of a lack of warm clothes.



Fears for Rome as new quake rocks Italy

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

CENTRAL Italy was struck by an earthquake yesterday. the fourth in ten days. The tremor was felt in Rome. where seismologists said ancient monuments and art treasures could be at risk.

Maria Piro, a leading geologist, said much of Rome was built on an underground warren of tunnels caves and catacombs, many of them unmapped. She said there was already serious subsidence in many parts of Rome. which would worsen if the

picentre moved closer. The earthquake, registering 4.9 on the Richter scale, caused further damage to the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, and sent people in nearby Perugia running into the streets. Two women in Marche were injured when they jumped out of windows. The earthquake, which like

the previous three had its epicentre in Umbria, struck at 1.23am. "Ten seconds of terror' was the headline in yesterday's Corriere della Sera. The tremor coincided with the first torrential rains of the autumn, bringing further misery to thousands of people forced to sleep under canvas, in prefabricated huis or in their cars.

Enzo Boschi, of the National Geophysics Institute, said it was signficant that the earthquakes were not only powerful but were continuing unabated instead of dying away. There are few precedents for this in Italy," he

Father Nicola Giandomen ico, the bursar at the Assisi basilica, said the latest earthquake brought down masonty from the ceiling of the Upper Church, although the medieval frescoes that were damaged in the first earthquake on September 26 did not appear to have suffered further harm

Montenegro poll protest

Podgoritsa: Milo Dujanovic the Montenegrin opposition leader, is to protest to the election commission about polling irregularities in Sunpresidential hallot Dames Pettifer writes).

In the poll. Momir Bulatovic, the incumbent President who backs Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav President gained a higher than expected tally in the result that was a near dead heat A run off election will be held on Octo-

ber 19. Montenegro is a junior partner in the Yugoslav Federation dominated by Serbia.

Opposition claims of electoral manipulation are hard to verify. What is known is that the pro-Belgrade camp "en-couraged" thousands of Montenegrin emigrés to return to vote. Some returnees were Serbs with Montenegrin residence papers. Their participation triggered protests as:
Montenegrius feel powerless
against Mr Milosevic.



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Gallery vows to expose

AMID recent claims that nany paintings by Vin-ent Van Gogh hanging in Some of the world's most Samous galleries are fakes, the Musée d'Orsay anounced yesterday that it will investigate the collecion of Dr Gachet, who ooked after the painter luring the weeks before als suicide in 1890.

The museum has promsed to make public the esults of the detailed tudy, which will include nira-red reflectography end ultra-violet authentic ty tests, and will next year xhibit the paintings do-nated by the doctor and is children including isputed works such as he Portrait of Doctor sachet and the artist's ily etching, The Man

vith the Pipe.

The decision comes a nonth after the French nagazine Connaissance ies Arts published an price claiming that the Portrait of Doctor raches, owned by the dusée d'Orsay, was a ake, was possibly painted y the doctor's son, Paul.
Yesterday Benoit Lan-

ais a French art expert. interviewed in Le Figaro, rgued that The Man with he Pipe, the original tched copper plate of which is also part of the nuseum's Van Gogh colection, was another "ap-

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alling forgery".
The Van Gogh fake risis began last autumn vhen scholars cited in an rticle in the Art Newsaper questioned the au-henticity of up to 100 Van

logh works. The Musée d'Orsay has collection of 23 paintings y Van Gogh. including ne masterpieces Vincent's Coom in Arles, Starry he Church at Auvers vorks are also from the ollection of Dr Gachet. out their authenticity has

> sever been in doubt. Anne Distel, the museim's curator, said yester-" lay that she was keeping m open mind. "It would be extremely imprudent to espond too quickly to this ort of controversial deate. We cannot prejudge. hings now," she said. .

Although Van Gogh ngs were already fetching uge sums only 20 years after his death. As his work did not sell in his ifetime there is virtually no commercial proof of authorship. To make maters even more complicated, a number of works were abandoned or given away. Forgers' efforts were also undoubtedly helped by letters Van Gogh wrote to his brother, Theo, describing the progress of his work in great detail.

Senator in outburst at fake Van 'concealed donation videos'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE chairman of the Senate committee investigating alleged political fundraising abuses yesterday exploded in frustration at the White House for "footdragging and conceal-ing" in its disclosure of controversial videotapes of President Clinton's coffee mornings.

Fred Thompson, a Tennessee Republican, said: The ultimate question is why, at this late date, after so many specific requests, are we just now getting these tapes?" In an impassioned half-hour chronicle of his rising frustration, he said: "It is clear the White House is trying to run out the clock on this

The target of his fury was the White House's release this week of 44 tapes of coffee mornings which Republicans allege broke rules against fundraising on federal property. Mr Thompson said he had first asked the White House for details of these events in April, and had made further

requests in August.
The revelation of the tapes' existence late last week turned up the heat of the Senate's flagging hearings, which must finish by the end of the year. The White House says that the tapes are not incriminat-

ing, and simply show the

President shaking hands with

Democratic supporters. Mr Thompson, a former film actor, called for the com-mittee room lights to be dimmed, declaring "Let's roll that tape" as the images flickered onto giant screens in front of the packed committee.



Thompson: frustrated by White House moves

muffled and the images banal, in a town where the Watergate tapes which destroyed President Nixon still loom in the collective memory, the revelation of secret recordings provokes an inevitable frisson The key questions the "coffee tapes" raise are whether the President knew these were fundraising events and whether they took place in residen tial or official parts of the White House.

Republicans on the committee also hit out at Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, for her refusal to appoint an independent prosecutor, calling for her to testify on Capitol Hill or for the President to replace her. In matching outbursts, marking the emphatic end of the committee's attempt at bipartisan harmony, Demo-crats accused Republicans of

stonewalling over evidence. They also defended Ms Reno, with Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, calling her "a woman of integrity", He added that she was in an impossible position: she would be accused of protecting the President if she did not appoint an independent coun-

sel, and of being browbeaten by Republicans if she did. The explosion from both sides eclipsed the scheduled star of the show. Harold Ickes, the former White House Deputy Chief of Staff, often described as "the ultimate insider and the man who really knows". There was not even time to swear in Mr Ickes, who watched in silence as constaittee members hurled. ons at each other

The Senate purpaged to your later yesterday on the McCain-Feingold Bill, the only proposal to reform campaign finance rules which stands a chance of becoming law. However, in a day of classic Senate manoeuvring, it appeared that Democrats and moderate Republicans had failed to assemble the necessary 60 votes to curtail a filibuster — the ability of any opponent to talk out the Bill. In an impromptu statement yesterday, Mr Clinton called for reform of the rules, attacking the "fundraising arms race which has overwhelmed and consumed both parties".



Brad Pitt starring in Seven Years In Tibet. Revelations about his character's Nazi past have prompted protests from China and Jews

Nazi taints Hollywood's Tibet crusade

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

LOOKING tough, blond and devilishly handsome, Brad Pitt will return to America's cinema screens tonight in a Tibetan mountaineering epic. The true narrative has prompted awkward revelations about his character's Nazi past and embroiled Hollywood producers in rows with China.

Seven Years In Tibet, filmed in the Argentine Andes, depicts a daring escape by Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian prisoner of war, during the Second World War to the Himalayan kingdom. He befriends the Dalai Lama and served as his tutor until 1952.

To the consternation of Sony Pictures, the film studio, Herr Harrer, now 84, admitted in May to having voluntarily joined Hitler's Sturm-1933. Pive years later he enlisted as a sports sergeant in the SS, received Himmler's permission to marry in 1938, and was once photographed being congratulated by Hitler for an Alpine climbing feat.

The confession led to urgent damage limitation efforts by Jean-Jacques Annaud, the film's French director. "This is the story of a bastard who undergoes a drastic transformation into an incredible human being," he said. "What he did was accept the trend of his day . . . a social decision, not a political one." But Jewish and Chinese

Heinrich Harrer, a self-confessed Nazi, with the Dalai Lama in Austria in 1992 issue die Rabbi Abraham Cooper, of the Simon Weisenthal Centre in Los Angeles, said that millions of fans of Brad Pitt would see the film and it would give neo-Nazis

an opportunity "to try to

whitewash crimes of the Nazi The People's Daily, the monthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party, was gleeful by comparison. Noting that the film was based on Herr Harrer's autobiography, it said: "The Tibet craze set off by Hollywood is being used by a Nazi to advertise himself." Seven Years In Tihet is being released barely three weeks before President Jiang Zemin of China makes his first state visit to the United States. It is the first of three major films this season either to idolise the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual and temporal leader, or demonise China, which invaded Tibet

in 1949. Kundun, a film biography of the Dalai Lama being made by Martin Scorsese for Disney studio, has jeopardised the company's plans to expand into China. Work on a movie ... it's about a man caught in a legal system".

Disney theme park in Shang-

hai has been frozen, and a

Foreign Ministry spokesman

took the opportunity to de-

clare that "Tibet has been

Chinese territory since an-

cient times". Any distortion of

that view would be seen as

'wrong . . . and unpopular".

to release Red Corner, a

contemporary thriller about

Beijing's Intermediate Court.

dreaded for handing down

death sentences which human

rights activists say are often

carried out within a week. Its

star is Richard Gere, a practis-

Next month, MGM plans

But Gere's plans belie this view. He has persuaded the studio to rush forward the film's release to the day President Jiang arrives in Washington, and will host a "stateless dinner" there on the evening the Chinese leader dines at the White House. China has retaliated by

ing Buddhist and close friend

of the Dalai Lama who is

credited with starting Holly-

wood's love affair with the

Anticipating Chinese cen-sure, MGM's president of

worldwide marketing has

been at pains to argue that

Red Corner is not "in any

way, shape or form a political

idea of a free Tibet.

producing films of its own on Tibet, including a \$1.7 million (El million) feature about an aggressive 19th-century Brit-ish mission to Tibet and a umentary portraying the Dalai Lama as a collaborator with Beijing. Last year Chinese authorities also banned Hollywood notables including Pitt, Annaud, Scorsese and Harrison Ford from visiting Tibet.

Chinese attempts to rewrite Hollywood's version of Tibetan history are likely to fail. The tragic story of the 1949 invasion — since then 0.000 monasteries have been looted and 1.2 million Tibetans killed, according to human rights sources - has proved as irresistible to film-makers as the Tibetan backdrop of soaring mountains and

monks in saffron robes.

Meat firm swindler let ex-wife live off fat of the land

leaders have refused to let the

FROM GLIES WHITTELL. IN LOS ANGELES

A JAPANESE meat-processing executive has been sentenced to five years in an American jail for what is thought to be the biggest series of embezzlements in US corporate history. Yasuyoshi Kato pleaded guilty to

siphoning up to \$100 million (£62.5 million) over seven years from the corporate accounts of his food-processing firm - but he claimed that 90 per cent of the money went to satisfy his estranged wife's insatiable appetite for clothes, shoes, cars, homes, exotic pets and money-losing businesses. Kato separated from Doris Ann BeilerHozumi in 1991 but agreed to annual support payments of \$600,000, even though his salary was \$150,000 a year

and his net worth \$200,000. He obtained the money by writing company cheques to himself and then, as the company's chief financial officer. arranging business loans to cover

them. Auditors scrambling to recover

assets after Kato and his wife applied in vain for bankruptcy protection have found that he owned 12 homes, including a beachfront condominium and a \$9 million ranch. While her husband appears to have escaped lightly - he faced up to 76 years' jail -Ms Beiler-Hozumi is being sued for

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Kennedy 'suspected wife of affair with Onassis'

PRESIDENT Kennedy suspected that his wife, Jackie, was sleeping with Aristotle Onassis in revenge for his own philandering, according to a new book which claims Kennedy sometimes invited prostitutes to the White House.

"She's getting back at me 'causé I have so many." Mr Kennedy reportedly told a friend about his wife's alleged early affair with her future husband. "I resent it. He's an ugly Greek."

In a Vanity Fair article, Seymour Hersh, the Pulitzerprize winning investigative journalist, has disclosed details from The Dark Side of Camelor, his latest book to be published next month.

Prostitutes were allegedy procured for Kennedy by a senior aide who threatened them to ensure their silence. The guy was really into some kinky stuff. The stuff that I who gained fame for uncover-Vietnam, told the magazine. The book has already pro-

have is purely salacious - you can fill books with it." Hersh. ing the My Lai massacre in voked much controversy in the United States. Papers said to prove that Kennedy made a \$1

million (£625,000) deal with

Marilyn Monroe to conceal

their alleged affair were

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New claims threaten to

further tarnish a legend, writes

Tom Rhodes

deemed fake at the eleventh hour by Hersh.

Despite abandoning these documents, Hersh has still discovered much that appears to be worth telling. Numerous informants have spoken to him and claimed that organised crime played a deci-

sive role in the 1960 presidential election. First, gangsters allegedly helped Kennedy to gain the nomination by using laundered cash during the West Virginia primary. Later the Mob apparently used the threat of force to bolster support for Kennedy in the elec-tion, not just in Illinois, as had been previously alleged, but in six other states as well. Later. the magazine reports, Robert Kennedy, then Attorney-General, "fixed the cases" of hoodlums who had helped in the

election The book also claims that

Bobby Kennedy was enthusiastic about using mobsters in plots against President Castro of Cuba. Far from opposing the plots by the CIA to use gangsters against Señor Castro, he is quoted by a senior intelligence official as saying: "You're using the wrong gangster. I'm going to show you how it's done."

Hersh claims he has other "verv serious" disclosures to make on Kennedy's foreign policy. The material he has covered ranges from the Cuban missile crisis to a proposed joint attack with the Soviet Union on the Chinese nuclear centre at Lop Nhor. Khrushchev apparently got

The author also claims to have cables linking Kennedy to the assassination of Ngo Dinh Diem, the South Vietnamese President, in 1963.

But Hersh told the magazine that readers of his book would be most interested in what he has discovered about Marilyn Monroe and Robert Kennedy.

"It's a sad story," Hersh said. "There are things he did for his brother that are sad. His position with his brother is sad. I guess I came away seeing both of them as more tragic figures."



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It couldn't have not happened Kiffer Finzi felt it was essential to his sister-in-law's stability that he

law's stability that he sleep with her. Interview by Sandra Parsons

sleep with his wife's sister, with his wife's knowledge, while she shared their home? That is what Kiffer Finzi did for 16 months between 1971 and 1972 while his sister-in-law, Jacqueline du Pre. was on the brink of a nervous breakdown

It was a secret that Jacqueline's sister Hilary. Kiffer's wife. kept for 25 years but has now chosen to reveal in a memoir written with her brother. Piers du Pré. It is an intensely moving portrayal, but predictably, they have already been roundly condemned in print - by people who have never met them. nor read the full book, extracts from which are being serialised this week in The Times.

So great have been the inaccuracies written about them elsewhere that Kiffer has now decided to give his side of the story. It was not an easy decision for him

because, contrary to 'Looking what you might expect. he is not an arrogant nian. Rather, he is a back, the man without self-doubt. a security he attributes sexual directly to his childhood and in particular to his side is the mother. Joy Finzi, who had an extraordinary least talent, he says, for "turning negative situaimportant' tions into positive ones". And in a way, that is

exactly what her son attempted to do when Jacqueline, a mass of despair, fled from her husband, Daniel Barenboim, and their demanding jet-setting life of international recitals, and sought sanctuary with Hilary.

By then. Hilary and Kiffer had been married ten years. They lived in the tranquil village of Ashmansworth, Hampshire, in the sprawling farmhouse that is still their home today, with their four young children. Hilary's grandmother and Jov.

In contrast to Kiffer's secure childhood, Hilary, Jacqueline and Piers's was, although immensely loving, terribly sheltered. Their lather. Derek, was "hypersensitive", says Kiffer, to the point where he eventually became so paralysed by fear of the outside world that he

could not speak above a whisper. Their mother, Iris, was also uncomfortable with what she perceived as the dangerous landscape outside the confines of the music world. In consequence, when Jacqueline dared to explore that land-

scape, it elated and terrified her. I think coming down to Ashmansworth was probably a very pathetic, sad way of Jackie trying to find something to hold on to," says Kiffer. "She was a very big personality and she needed a big space. But having broken out. having climbed over the fence, as it were, she found there was nothing

They all had an incredibly close childhood, but in a way it made progress difficult. Jackie was terribly vulnerable; they all are, because they have retained this sort of childlike directness. They couldn't tell a lie to save their faces. The ability to say one thing and think another is outside their ken."

It was because Hilary had managed to make a firm base for herself that Jacqueline came to her, he believes. But Hilary was still rather timorous, and Jacqueline, who was boisterous and earthy and who delighted in being ribald if she thought it would cause a reaction. needed someone who would not be overwhelmed by her. That someone was Kiffer.

In him she found the only person she had ever met who was as strong as her. Which is all very well, but why did he agree - at Jacqueline's insistent demand - to go to bed with her?

"It was very much part of her whole personality. Jackie gave on the moment and she didn't consider rights and wrongs. If she had, she could never have played the Elgar the way she did. If she'd had to think about what the form was or what mode it was in, she wouldn't have been able to do it. Sexuality is very important for everybody and yet we all try to wrap it in cottonwool and try to make it go into channels. Jackie

"I'm not saying it was tempta-tion, because Jackie wasn't one of the world's great beauties, al-though the photographs tried to make her so, they evened out her teeth and made them white instead of yellow and so on.

didn't do that.

ut her sexuality was just part of her personality and for a while we were absolutely eyeball to eyeball. The funny thing is, looking back on it now, from my point of view the sexual side is the least ibortant side of it.

What was important, then? "Coming to grips with her personality. And in a way, what helped was that I didn't have any demands. to make of her. She was free to say what she liked and it wouldn't unset me, because I don't think I had any expectations. But she was a wonderful personality.

"She was terribly modest, she had no opinion of herself at all. She was deeply generous and very considerate. You'll say she wasn't considerate to Hilary, but that was only because that was outside her wavelength. There wasn't really a barrier, from her point of view. between her and Hilary, but it's terribly difficult to explain because doesn't fit in with ordinary



And neither, it has to be said, does Kiffer. He combines compassion with total honesty, and the effect is as disarming as it is

unsenling. He is 62 now and clearly a man at peace with himself. His vivid blue eyes radiate kindness: yet he can sound, at times, quite brutal. His ability to speak the truth stems from his lack of fear; he does not mind that thousands of people now know intimate details about him. because he believes absolutely that

what he did was right. "It doesn't bother me at all what people think, he says, equably. That sounds as though I don't care about anything, which isn't true. It's just that I believe what people think is their

business." He is aware that there are many who will assume he simply took advantage. "But there was such a lot of sorrow and sadness that came with it. It wasn't just a little bit of fun on the side. It couldn't have not

Jackie off, in a sense. To give her something - not me, I don't think I had any personal ambition in this

something that would help her." But in the end what really helped her was psychoanalysis. A friend of Kiffer's gave him R.D. Laing's Sanity, Madness and the Family, Kiffer had never heard of Laing, but within a week had read all his books and then moved on to Jung. "It was only after this that I realised that I might become a hindrance,

rather than a help, and that it

would be helpful for her to see someone professionally."

Why had he not realised that

sooner?"Because I was blind. And I don't think it would have worked. for Jackie any sooner. I'd come to grips with Jackie's grief and despair. You couldn't help but feel compassion. If you look at it as bedhopping, then that limited vision pulls the whole thing down. But anyone in that situation would have been, I think, really compelled. You would have had to have

losing control time when it all got too much for Hilary and she went out to weep. just as she had done when they were small at the Purley Festival and lackie had been acclaimed as such a talent. That was Hilary's way of coping with it. She coped with it, and in coping, she developed muscle

"Jackie didn't impose the stress purposefully, she was just being herself. She didn't feel guilty about what she was doing at all. Because to have guilt, you have got to think backwards or forwards and Jackie couldn't do that. She lived absolutely in the moment. She probably loved Hil more than anyone in the world, she was utterly devoted to her, just as Hil was to her. They were a very, very close pair."

The only time Jacqueline came near thinking backwards, as he puts it, was became spiteful towards her muchloved family. Kiffer thinks it was partly because she wanted to shock them still, but largely to do with the effects of multiple scienosis. What he is certain of is that Iris never, as has been claimed, blamed Jacqueline's illness on the fact that she had married a Jew.

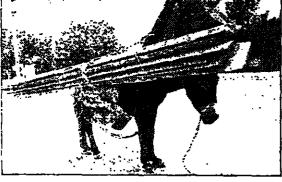
"It's bunkum. Jackie may have been confused and said it, but don't forget she always responded to people, she told them what she thought they wanted to hear. And she could be cruelly vituperative. She told me, for instance, that she knew she should never have married Danny [Barenboim]; she said she knew she was doing the wrong thing at the wedding ceremony. She was terribly vindictive about him. But what I say to that is, look at the photographs of them together. I think you have to believe what you see and not what people say."

For those who wonder about his own marriage, he issues the same invitation: "Just look at us." He never lelt he was betraying Hilary. "It wouldn't have occurred to me to leave her. It was just absolutely essential at that point to do this. I don't think Jackie would ever have gone to a psychologist if I hadn't done that. Although as it turned out, it was all futile. But really I think Jackie paid Hilary a tremendous compliment, because when she was desperately looking for someone to latch on to she chose exactly the same for Hilary. I don't think they felt jealousy in that way, either of them:"

Their marriage, he thinks is stronger as a result. "I think in the long run it's been a good thing for Hilary. She was very dependent on me and it's made her slightly less so. And it's cured her of a lot of the basic du Pre fears she had: the fear of the unknown, the fear of what people are thinking of you, the general feeling of threat."

Did he ever feel guilty? "Not really, no. I was always utterly honest. It's terribly difficult, trying to judge it all again, when there was such terrible despair. But I don't think, faced with that despair, one could ever have considered doing anything else."

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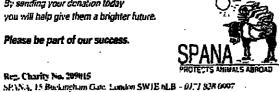


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I was witness to my sister's crucifixion'

In Day Four of the du Pré memoir, Hilary du Pré on Jackie's decline

don't know how Jackie became reconciled with Danny (Barenboim, the conductor and her husband but I can only assume that either her confusion subsided or she was better able to cope with it. A month before her 27th birthday, an unscheduled recording session triggered their musical communication again. It was her last visit to a recording studio.

In July they went to Tel Aviv. and in September they played with Pinchas Zukerman at the Royal Festival. Hall. Some reviewers remarked that "Miss du Pré is back in great form", although others were less enthusiastic. Once again, we started to see less and less of her, as she swung back into the vortex of Danny's life concerts, late-

night meals, travelling - all the things she had said she couldn't cope with. I wondered how long it would last. Early in January 1973, Jack-ie performed in Toronto. The Canadian press was not ec-

static; this was "good" du Pre but not "exceptional". By the 25th she was back in New York for a chamber concert with Danny. The critics complained of her self-indulgent playing, her rasping tone and that she often missed notes. Jackie had never before had reviews like these. She had been noticing for

some time that her hands

were not responding as they

should. She constantly felt as

though they hadn't warmed up properly. She consulted various doctors who were anything but helpful.

Her official comeback con-cert at the Royal Festival Hall had been arranged for February 8. She was to play the Elgar Concerto, conducted by Zubin Mehta. The press announced that she was returning "after a long illness".

As the orchestra took their places I felt apprehensive. The world was out in force to hear Jackie and I realised, for the first time. I didn't feel secure

Jackie appeared, her cello held high in front of her and, as she ran up the steps on to the platform, the audience burst into frenzied applause. She looked happy and relaxed as she beamed at the crowd. There was absolute silence as she slipped into her deep concentration. Then, with a characteristic backward flip of her head, she swung the bow across the strings for the opening chords. The sound rose from the cello and swept across the hall, penetrating

ut the first two leaps were much slower than usual the orchestra was unprepared and immediately sped ahead of her. I froze. Zubin crouched, his arms braced as he tried to pull the orchestra back. There was an uneasy balance between the orchestra and Jackie as



Daniel Barenboim and Jacqueline du Pré an unscheduled recording session triggered their musical communication again

they continued out of stride with each other for a few awkward notes. That commanding voice, which had once spoken so directly to my heart, and had ruled my emotions with such power, was now floundering.

The audience hardly made a sound at the end of the first movement, I thought I would snap with the tension. At first I couldn't identify

my unease but gradually I realised that Jackie was telling us something that was loo much for us to understand or bear. There had always been hope in this music and in her playing but now all the joy had gone. I was witnessing a crucifixion. In a solemn and final reckoning, all I could hear was my sister's farewell.

wave. I found myself swept onto my feet, too, and pushed

That night's performance was a heavy burden. The was not playing around.
"I can't. Hil. It won't go." message was unmistakable. After the final storzando awful silence. chord. Zubin's arms flopped to his side and the audience rose to its feet like a tidal

forward. Jackie's face broke into her huge smile and she stood with her adoring, but utterly uncomprehending audience at her feet.

or long afterwards, Kiffer and I were invited to lunch with Jackie. She had prepared a meal and we tucked into bowls of steaming soup.

"Jackie, this is delicious," said. "One of your best." "Hmmm, I love it," Kiffer enthused. "But it would be even more loveable with salt." Jackie picked up the salt-cellar and tried to pass it across the table, but her arm just bounced in mid-air. "He's over there, Jacks," I joked, but very quickly realised, from her frightened face, that she

We were stunned into an Meanwhile the Yom Kippur: War had started and Danny had gone to Israel to play to the troops. On October

10; she told me that she had to

go into hospital. On October 16. multiple selerosis was finally diagnosed. Jackie's immediate reaction

was to telephone Danny but not to tell him the truth. Danny, however, sensed something was wrong and was soon at her bedside. She was delighted that he had come home, especially knowing that he had put her first.

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I'm going to die said Jackie, "and

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Major was losing control

Anthony Seldon on why John Major put his job on the line

After an

hour, he

shattered

by MPs'

disrespect

t was a meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 1995 that brought John Major to the point of greatest despair in his premiership. The Eurosceptic Fresh Start Group of MPs met the day after the publication of the second volume of Mrs Thatcher's memoirs, which were critical of Major.

The meeting began amicably enough, with attenders banging desks, albeit perfunctorily. Speaking for a little over ten minutes, Major talked of his determination to maintain the veto obtained at Maastricht, how he would prevent.

further EU encroachment, and of tendance resenting Major for lecturing walked out,

The meeting came to life when John Townend, chairman of the party's Backbench Finance Comittee. asked whether it was not time for

the Prime Minister to come off the fence and pronounce that as long as he was at No 10 he would not advise the Commons to accept a single currency. The cheers around the room were the first indication that Major was losing control of the meeting.

Known enemies of Major then joined in, including Norman Lamont, who said that if a single currency was wrong in principle in 1999 it was wrong now, and Sir George yearned for a clear lead. Bill Cash, Iain Duncan Smith and Bernard Jenkin all spoke dismissively of Major's stance.

Major, losing his patience, angered his audience by saying he did not believe the public cared that much about Europe, and soon MPs were shouting disapproval at points being made, and roaring approval at each new Eurosceptic arrow. After an hour, Major walked out of the

room, shattered by the most disrespectful meeting he was to attend as Prime Minister. Major was a troubled man

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Thursday, June 15 for the G7 meeting at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He had spent a miserable 48 hours since the Fresh Start meeting, turning over in his mind an idea that he had ruminated on the previous year when he felt under great pressure but had rejected after consultations with Douglas Hurd and Sarah Hogg, head of his policy unit. This was the plan of advancing the leadership election from the end of the year to before the summer recess, by triggering the con-

On the flight back home on the Saturday, Major was seen in long conversation with Hurd, who now supported the plan. He had a briefer conversation with Kenneth Clarke, who also

signalled support. Major saw vari ous Cabinet ministers individually to tell them, including Michael Heseltine. but mentioned nothing at Cabinet itself.

After Major announced his resignation, John Redwood was in an agony of indecision. He had come to the brink of open revolt once before, over the EU Finance Bill, but had pulled back. This time he was determined not to let the moment pass.

On the following Monday. at llam, Redwood went to the Commons to meet Michael Portillo and said "Join me". Portillo declined.

Redwood's programme was launch did not convey the impression of gravitas. The media reaction to Redwood's candidature was favourable. but in the end, among MPs only a hard core of the inflexible Eurosceptic Right and a sprinkling of Heseltine backers voted for Redwood or abstained, while the loyalist right and centre-left MPs backed Major. Major won 218 votes, Redwood 89, and there

would hold



CABINET CRITICS

tive is that the time for division ALTHOUGH John is over." Time alone would tell whether this last sentiment Major was Margaret Thatcher's preferred choice to succeed her, not all who worked with him on the way to the top shared her

> Foreign Secretary, aged 46. after two years at the Treasury, propelled him from the most junior office in the Cabinet to one of the three most senior. "Incredible, bizarre, astounding," was how the appointment struck Geoffrey Howe. "I can't do this job as it should be done," Major lamented to Douglas

After 94 days as Foreign Secretary, Major returned to the Treasury as Chancellor. Some officials felt that not just intellectual bite, but also some coherence was lost in the transition from Lawson. Major took criticism personally and was not always comfortable with people disagreeing with

After a year as Chancellor, Major succeeded Thatcher as Prime Minister. Judith Chaplin, John Major's political secretary, died in 1993 and her diary gives a penetrating insight into the private Major.

Chaplin wrote on his election: "Every decision is taken on how it affects and promotes him. That does not mean he is not a very nice man, but he is ruthless."

Five months into office. she grew exasperated:

'So much of our time is wasted looking at what all types of media say. He is obsessed by his image. It depresses everyone who works for him and wastes

Dangerous idea + Mixed message + Cold War confusion

Faulty feminism

BEING A cynic, I always take it for granted that the more imbecilic tenets of contemporary wisdom are themselves cynical ploys. When I hear women declare that wearing cut-off tops and bottom-razing shorts is a courageous act of girlpower I presume - as who wouldn't? - that they are having us on

True, men seem not to feel too threatened by female action that consists of decorative semi-nudity; but women are still keen to declare that strutting their stuff as provocatively as possible is a sign of their ideologically sound bona fides. Kate Millett must look on and weep. Unfortunately, it appears

that people really are that stupid. They are not trying to make fools of the rest of us: they are simply idiots. Well, perhaps it isn't just stupidity. The contempo-rary culture of narcissism means that for most people, the only gaze that exists is a self-regarding one. No doubt that explains

why a new French adver-tisement for Wonderbra is not going to get on to billboards here. The French ads show a woman revealing her bra because, in one instance, her top has shrunk in the wash, in another, because a dog has got a thread from her jumper in his teeth and unravelled it, and in yet another because some piece of building-site machinery has yanked off her jacket

What all three ads have in common is a depiction of some woman revealing her underwear because of an unforeseen circumstance: on ne sait jamais . . . is the

Fame is the drug

MODEL TAKES drugs" seems to be one of

the weaker stories to have taken hold recently. "Model doesn't take drugs" might have been worth reporting. Never mind all the baloney about good skin and healthy

attitudes; as a successful model you need to

be thin and impervious to boredom. Drugs

What you also need is to be seen to be successful. And the charges of drug-

sozziement have helped Amy Wesson with

this, too. Before the case, no one outside the

industry had ever heard of her. But, I notice, shock-horror notwithstanding, every news-

deal satisfactorily on both counts.

thing of a stink over here, no matter that we have suffered revealing as much cleavage as they (or we, or you) want. without women claiming to be offended, degraded or upset. The difference? In these French ads the woman is not "in control". What is being appealed to is not, then, the usual onanis-

straightforward voyeurism.

But the idea (and it seems

Modern knowingness you can somehow control how that image is perceived, is

campaigns.

coy tag-line.
All this has caused some-

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to have taken almost univer-sal hold) that if you infuse an image with enough smirkingly ironic. Post-

ludicrous — and dangerous. THE FUNNY thing is. though, that that is exactly where the French Wonderbra ad has gone wrong; its retro-naffness has afforded it little protection. Though you could argue that it is actually funnier and a lot more truly knowing than the muzzle-brained British

Actually, though, I don't claim to be able to make much of a defence of the French ads, or even want to. but I cannot bear the lazy thinking and self-delusion that makes women think the Eva Herzigova "Hello Boys" ad is all right just because of some dim notion of being in control - what-

ment for underwear relies heavily on the concept of sexiness? But it does alarm me that young girls who believe what they're told about empowerment and tough attitudes really do think they can go out wear-

ing lacy bras and not much

else without so much as eliciting a wolf-whistle. Women old enough to know better who habitually get offended when they express their don't-messwith-me attitude by wearing stilettos and miniskirts and get misconstrued, get no sympathy from me. And don't write telling me I'm saying women who wear short skirts deserve to

be raped. Of course I'm not. Perhaps, though, it is just British Puritanism that makes us happier with the notion of the semi-pornographic image that doesn't attract desire, even to the degree of insisting that such a thing exists.

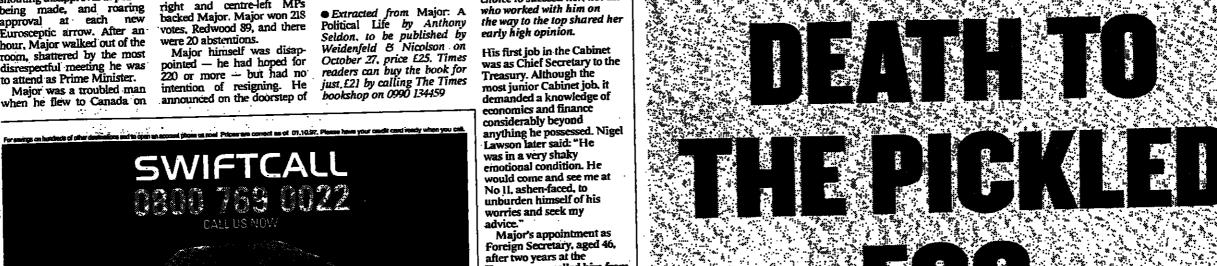
paper has used pictures of the beautiful Amy - complete with the not-automatic honour of a name-check - to illustrate stories about London Fashion Week.

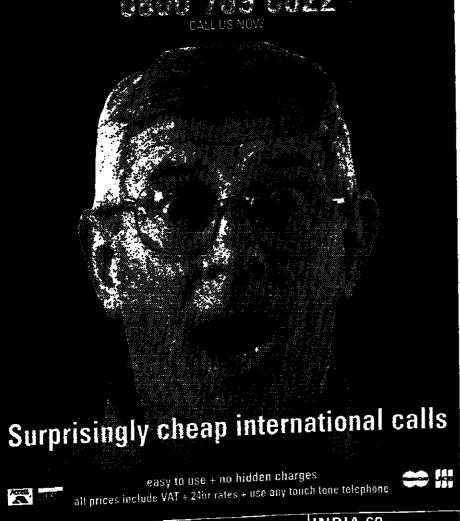
Do we detect a mixed message here?

Tony bear

IF, 20 YEARS ago, we were told that a future Labour Prime Minister would go to Russia and be bear-hugged by the President: we would have inferred one thing. The ever-increasing Hellot-isation of the political world is frankly a little disconcerting how much more wrong could

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Royal revelations for adults only

Choreographer David Bintley tells Allen Robertson the grisly truths

behind Edward II, his new staging for Birmingham Royal Ballet

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public is hungry for full-length spectacle. But with so few choreographic storytellers capable of satisfying that hunger. companies are constantly being forced to fall back on the half-dozen gold-plated titles from the late 19th century. Not so Birmingham Royal Ballet.

We will always have the classics around," says David Bintley, the company's artistic director. "We need them to keep remembering where we came from, but that doesn't mean we should be trying to copy them. Anyway, you can't write better ballet music or finer divertissement choreography then those Tchaikovsky ballets. They were a kind of apotheosis, and then it was finished. It took nearly 50 years before Prokofiev came ballet", it carries a along with Romeo and Juliet warning that it is and the fashion for full-length not suitable for children. This ballets got under way again.

Bindley knows whereof he speaks. At 40, he has already created as many full-length ballets as Kenneth MacMillan did during his entire career. But just because Bintley has a knack for staging danced stories, it does not follow that he is content with a predictable tried-and-true formula. "I'm not trying to be 'fashionable'. What I am trying to do is tell complex narratives through the body, to make the movement and the actual narrative do the work rather than rely-ing on scenery and other stuff. think that's evident in

Tomorrow night's performance of Edward II is a British premiere. Bintley created it in 1995 for the Stuttgart Ballet. He had suggested his dance treatment of Christopher Marlowe's tragedy to Stuttgart with some trepidation. In the event, it proved a huge success, even though the story was unfamiliar to Ger-

The ballet tells of the married yet openly homosexual l4th-century Eng-lish monarch who

paid for his peccawhen Isabella, his queen, joined forces with his barons to spearhead a rebellion which culminated in Edward's assassination. Billed in the advertisements as "Bintlev's bloody

is an adult approach to storytelling that corrodes the sugar-coated gentility of classi-cal ballet with a gutsy, pan-oramic sweep of guilt and betrayal. "It is filled with many real feelings." Wolfgang Stollwitzer, who dances Edward. "Of course it has some brutal moments, but that's life."

A gory parable for corrup-tion in any age, Edward II charts the decline and fall of a flawed autocrat. But Bintley does not serve up simplistic, black and white choices. Ironically, the powers which bring Edward tumbling are as vile and even more self-serving

Bintley, like MacMillan before him, believes baller to be capable of engaging grown-up minds and grappling with serious themes. "I'm not pulling any punches," he says. "Besides, you don't need to sensationalise an already sensational story. There's nothing in this ballet that didn't happen in history.

Bintley commissioned the English composer John McCabe, a whose was in something of an eclipse. "In fact," Bintley says. someone when first told me that John might like to work with me, I said, 'But he's dead, isn't he? It's a scandal of British music that I

hadn't heard a word about him in ten years. I had a lot of his early stuff, Chagall Windows and things like that, which were recorded when he was young and famous. But then 'they' completely forgot about him.

"He's a delightful person, very quiet, gentle, unassum-ing. His music is anything but. It's taut, tight and dangerous. He writes terrific brass music and his rhythms are fantastic. We're just about to start

work on a new piece and, no, beyond the fact that it's for the year 2000, I'm not saying anything. It will be my next and possibly my last big, fullevening ballet. After that I'll be wiped out for a few years." With two or three years of one's life invested in a fulllength work, it is doubly depressing when something doesn't come right. Even though he is not one to dwell on the past, Bintley's voice takes on an edge when he talks about Cyrano, his 1991 flop for

He admits to being "devas tated" by the failure. "You've spent £350,000 and it's all gone for nothing and it's all your fault," he says. "Still, it seems to me that with an outlay like that it wasn't right to just ditch it. Ninette de Valois always said that the work doesn't finish on opening night. Once I saw it in front of an audience I knew what was wrong. I could have turned it

e is, he says, "the sort of person who and do something else. But it was a shame. It made me want to run away and hide for six months and pretend that I didn't do it which is essentially what I

Bintley has choreographed a further three full-evening works since Cymano. There has also been a clutch of oneact ballets and he has recently signed a second three-year contract with BRB. "I'm happy in every respect so, of course, I accepted a second three years. "Besides," he adds, "it takes you longer than just one three

● Edward II opens tomorro drome (0121-622 7486)

Profession: Soloist with the

How did he become a great

British hope? He comes

the Royal Ballet School in

1992, and was invited into the

Royal Ballet company six

How did he start? "My

family was very poor and my

mother, who loved dancing,

was sick and could not look

after me. So when I was nine

they decided to apply to the

professional ballet school of

Liaoning, because there I

would be housed and fed and

trained. After five years I

joined the province's ballet

company, where I was soon promoted to principal." He

did the staple solo roles of the

classical repertoire: the Jester

Age: 23 next week.

Royal Ballet.

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everything.



Head in hands: Edward (Wolfgang Stollwitzer) in David Bintley's saga of gay love and gore

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

SHI-NING LIU

from Liaoning province, northwest of Beijing. After and pas de trois in Swan wirming a prize at the Prix de Lake, the Corsaire pas de Lausanne competition, he was offered a scholarship to

Worst moment: Getting seriously lost in his first summer here. "I was supposed to take the train to a town to stay with a family to improve my English." Instead he arrived at midnight in a similarsounding town hundreds of miles away. Fortunately kind passers-by took pity on him and drove him through the night to the right destination.

How does he find life in the Royal Ballet? "In Liaoning getting roles was easy, but here the standard is a lot tougher. So I have had to start from the bottom and work up gradually. I think



that is better. I feel that is

His style? All the jump roles - the Bronze Idol in La dance in Romeo and Juliet.

In the next days you can catch him in the Giselle pas de six and the Gold variation and Bluebird pas de deux in The Sleeping Beauty. He needs to tidy up the wildness of his finishes; but he has a good line and smooth sinuous flow, thanks to the Russian basis of his original training — or to his Chinese astrological sign (he was born in the Year of the Tiger).

The future: "Of course don't want to be just jumping around all my life; of course I would like to do more dramatic roles. But then every dancer wants that It depends on what the Royal Ballet decides." In the meantime he is happy to work and learn and to tour abroad with the company - America, Turkey, Japan. The world has suddenly become a small

NADINE MEISNER

No sun P Bawdy nuns on the run

ing voices greeted Jérôme Savary's ribald staging of Rossini's final comwhen it opened at Glyndebourne in midsummer. But Savary, France's most experienced farceur. knows just how to please his public and Ory turned into the popular success of the season. it was a natural to open the autumn programme for Glyndebourne's touring arm.

Under Christopher Colwell's new direction, one or two of the more raucous edges have been softened. He treads the path of indelicacy more delicately as Ory tries to undermine the chaste life of the Countess Adele in her French château. Barry Banks is now the Count, a born loser in the seduction stakes despite

OPERA

a halo which lights up at crucial moments. As the stage darkens in Act I over Ezio Toffolutti's tawny landscape, more Italian than French out of deference to Rossini, there is a feeling that Ory may, too, be in his sunset years as a wandering Casanova. The role suits Banks's light, high-lying tenor very neatly and there is a nice air of self-deprecation about the performance. "Le terrible Comte Ory?" Never. Just an old chancer prone to

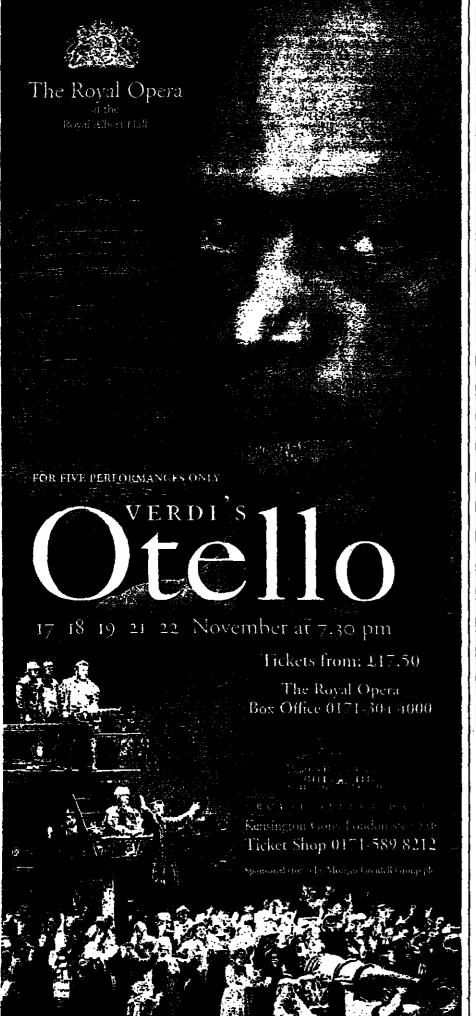
Anna Maria Panzarella as the haughty Countess may lack the class of her predecessor, Annick Massis. But she spins a pretty silvery thread of notes and is a soprano moving from strength to strength. The Act II duet, the nearest Ory gets to breaking down the defences of Castle Adele, was a

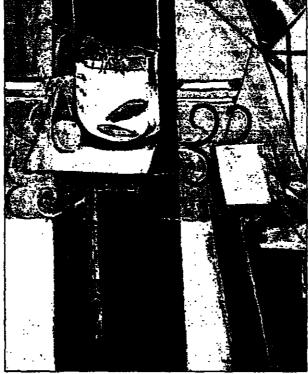
vocal delight. Colwell ducks none of Savary's inventive bawdry in this second act. Ory's followers in their holy habits are the guests from hell as they drink Adele's castle dry, pausing for the odd prayer when required. Only Whoopi Goldberg is missing among these nuns on the run, sturdily led by Christopher Maltman, a winner at this year's Cardiff Singer of the World iamboree.

Imelda Drumm's personable page Isolier comes into "his" own during the final trio of mistaken identity, where Savary's three-in-a-bed solution leaps straight from the pages of the News of the World . or a saucy old French farce. There is room for improvement from both the Governor

and the Ragonde. And Ivor Bolton could make his orchestra fizz more. But Rossinians and lovers of farce should both be well pleased as On sets off on its autumn pilgrimage

JOHN HIGGINS





TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's still lifes

■ HENRI MATISSE: Goldsish and Palette, 1914.

SUSPENDED in a bowl of snowy water, the glowing goldfish could hardly look more serene. Yellow fruit nestles beside the glass, and plant leaves curve over its sides. But Matisse's interior is not as reassuring as it may initially appear. Space has been flattened and made taut, so that the table supporting the bowl looks strangely fragile. The sky beyond the balcony scems impenetrable, and the twisted ironwork scrolls begin to look

Matisse adds to the tension by making many of his defining contours skeletal, and scratching thin lines in the wer paint with the end of his brush. The preponderance of black has a funereal air, suggesting that Matisse's mood was affected by events outside his window. The First World War broke out in 1914, and most of the artist's work remained sombre until the Armistice

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TOMORROW: Man Ray's Gift

A spark of greatness

The only way, the poet Michael Symmons Rob-erts tells us, "to tell an echo from a spark is to look in utter darkness ... and find a way of crying tears [which] raise a spark as they trickle down. Jean Rigby sang these words on Sunday in the work which has given the title to the current festival of the music of

lames MacMillan. The world premiere of Mac-Millan's Raising Sparks at the Queen Elizabeth Hall revealed this 45-minute song-cycle for mezzo-soprano and instru-mental ensemble as worthy to stand beside the orchestral song-cycles of Mussorgsky and Britten

The "sparks" arise from Menahem Nahum of Chernobył, an 18th-century Hasidic teacher. Roberts fashions his six songs from the two central concepts of his teaching: that of Zimzum, the holding back of God's power to make space for something other than him-self, and Shevira, the smashing of the clay vessels intended to capture the light of God's

creation. Typically, MacMillan's music goes beyond mere illustration or dramatisation. Illustrative detail is there, sure enough: the air crackles with the plucking of strings at the words "dry rain, static in my hair", and a florid crescendo of vocal and instrumental virtuosity greets the aurora boreal-is. But so taut is MacMillan's musical bonding with the word that the process seems more one of sacramental reve-

lation than of mere metaphor. From the first inchoate humming of non-verbal life through to the final hushed hint of a second coming in three repeating harp notes. Jean Rigby and the Nash Ensemble gave a clear and passionate performance under

LONDON CONCERTS

the baton of Martyn An hour later in the Festival Hall, the Philharmonia and

Peter Donohoe, conducted by Vassily Sinaisky, gave an equally committed performance of MacMillan's 1990 piano concerto. The Berserking. This was a sudden just from the life giving energy of the creation to the misdirected energy of the creature: the images of Viking warriors and Glasgow Celtic supporters fused in MacMillan's imagination to inspire an artful

n the BBC Symphony Orchestra's tripartite concert, which ended with Andrew Davis conducting Schoenberg's Verklarte Nacht, some little-performed music by his two pupils, Berg and Webern, epitomised the graphic differences between se Three of a Kina.

toccata of terror.

Here was Webern, the century's first minimalist, revealing his scholarly love of Renaissance polyphony, while Berg was heard at his most

It was Berg's Chamber Con- life: certo for piano, violin and 13 wind instruments which con-

music. Three movements played out a testing game of cryptic numerological and cy-pher-allusions, although, in this performance, with Pierre-Laurent Aimard, plano, and Augustin Dumay, violin, as the urbane yet passionate soloists, it was very much the spirit of the divertimento which was recreated in Berg's exuberant celebration of

Schoenberg's 50th birthday.

After a welcome interval, the ear and spirit was ready for written in 1939, 1940 and 1941 and consisting of two cantatas. flanking the Variations for Orchestra. Both cantatas, for choir (BBC Singers, conducted by Simon Joly), soloists (Sarah Leonard, soprano and Stephen Varcoe, baritone) and orchestra, set the ecstatically spiritual verse of Hildegard Jone. Leonard's light, springing inflection of Webern's minutely poised word-setting created a spinning free-fall. while her assured declamation in the final affirmation of love at the end of the second cantata was an eloquent foil for the recurring rays of fourpart choral harmony which catch and contain Webern's dancing motes of instrumental.

HILARY FINCH

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about Nil by a film director

> o hear Gary Oldman describe it, his former self is the one that made his newly acclaimed directorial debut, il by Mouth, which he also wrote, and is to say, the Gary Oldman who isted before Sid and Nancy made im a star and he embarked upon an ting career that this summer has icluded two money-spinning block-usters. The Fifth Element and Air

After all, as a young performer arely out of the Rose Bruford drama thool, Oldman turned down a part the Anthony Hopkins-Mel Gibson lm The Bounty in order to appear in ntertaining Mr Sloane on stage. My agent was completely beside imself, "recalls Oldman, who will be) next year. "I said, 'yeah, well [1] a suntan and a flat out of it, but s not Joe Orton, is it? I was nocking, and in that sense, it's as if old Gary made my movie: 'I'm ing to do it like this in lomm and n not going to be in it; that's how m going to do it, or I don't do it." Oldman's integrity has paid off. ne of the first films to be screened in impetition in Cannes last May, ldman's bruising, semi-autobioaphical account of the South ondon mean streets on which he ew up suggests the actor as a gritty, alist director in the Ken Loachlike Leigh school. The film went on win the best actress prize for lington-based performer-director athy Burke, playing the abused wife Ray Winstone, their family eneshed in a despairing working-iss cycle of drink, drugs and plence that. Oldman dares to ggest, isn't entirely without hope.

"I wanted to come out of the gate as

director with something I knew

out," says Oldman, who has long

marked that the estates where he

ew up bred two career possibilities,

liceman or thief. Oldman opted for

third, acting, only to find that he

uldn't get out of his head the script

at would become Nil by Mouth.

he script had been bouncing



Gary Oldman (left) directing Ray Winstone in Nil by Mouth, his semi-autobiographical account of drink, drugs and violence in South London

around in my head for five to six sunshine in the movie; we had years, but I would sacrifice the writing of it to make movies because that's my bread and butter. But at the end of the day, I had to say, I'm doing it. I'm taking a year off. It didn't make

everyone happy."
When filming began in November
1995 Oldman found himself revisiting old haunts long since forsaken for Los Angeles and New York. "I've got the real pub, the real club: all real locations. The movie is how I remembered growing up, almost like the world was in black and white grey concrete, grey pavement, grey houses, grey sky. I was absolutely adamant that I would not have

weather cover for sunny days." At Cannes, Oldman found himself

at the centre of a short-lived tabloid lather - not, this time, based on his tearaway behaviour (his drinking days are behind him), but on the assumption that the film's unsparing violence came directly from Oldman's own life. "I obviously hadn't made myself clear at the time." he says, referring to one notably upsetting scene between Winstone and Burke. "Ray's character is an amalgamation of a lot of different people, not just my father. my dad" — a welder, who left Oldman and his two older sisters

when the boy was seven - "was not violent." If Oldman is anyone in the film, he points to the smallish part of an observant young girl: "Like her, I was quite shy and withdrawn."

And if the film has won particular praise for its actors, who include Charlie Creed-Miles and Edna Dore. Oldman feels that is as it should be. I love actors; I mean, I've been in the club for quite a few years now. There's a danger you can be a little bit indulgent because if you love acting. you know what an actor will say: Hey, where's my moment? Where did my scene go?"

For his part, Oldman talks vaguely of giving up acting and freely admits:

"I don't always like the movies I'm in." But he's astute enough to realise that "there are people who earn money and make a living out of the Gary Oldman industry, even if I don't have an entourage: a manny. cook, therapist, and all that." Air Force One, for instance, allowed Oldman to stump up a sizeable part of the \$4.5 million budget for Nil by

"I committed the ultimate sin," Oldman says. "I went to America and became successful." So does Nil by Mouth mark a homecoming? "I've been very honoured by the reaction to it. The film makes me very proud." Nil by Mouth is released on Friday

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SOUTH BANK SOUNDS; in the Festival Hot tomph (7 30pm) whoso violarists high Kehredy joins the London Phillbarmacale Orchestha under Sir Roger Homington in a programme of English music leaturing Visughan Williams a Symphony No 6 and Eigat's Violar Concern A the slightly later time (7 ASpm), the Cureer Elizabeth Hall is host to the first of nine recitals by some of the greatest parasist of our times, performing works by the master composers for the pain of this vening calcitraties the Toth britishey of misschogist and plains! Charles Rosen who plays misse by Mozari, Bestiniven and Schumann, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242; Se

NOTTINGHAM: Opera North takes the autumn season's repender on the road for this month and next. Tongha and Saturday there are performance-of Philip Provise's nighty acclaimed production of Verdi's Alde, with Mogar's Cost ten tuttle on Enday Tomorow there is an opportunity to see Martinia's rarely performed Julietta. Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0115-948-2626). All peris. 7.15pm THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: Tim

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THE INVENTION OF LOVE: Tom Supperd's new play with John Wood as the elderty A. E. Housman, careful to keep his love life private, unlake Oscar Wilde, who also appears. Paul Phys plays the young Housman and Michael Bryant is Charon tenying the dead across the Styx. Richard Eyre directs. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1

BOCN'Y CALL (18) Bosterous and bawdy, Amean-Amencan comedy, with James 1-1 not and Tommy Davidson

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DI MACKEREL SKY. First play by Dublin-based Hitary Fannin tells of two days in the Bie of a laded chariteuse Rum Hegary) and her mother-in-tele (Gallen Raine), tending off eviction. Mike Bradwell directs. Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, Born SKYLIGHT Bill Nighy and Stell play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds. Richard Eyre

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THEATRE: Complex French drama at the Orange Tree, Richmond, and a stunning feast of visual fun in Battersea

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rected the British premieres four Michel Vinaver plays, ree of which have been idies of the variously bizarre haviour of people who work offices. In my review of the ie that worked best, The nile at the End of the Line, I entioned Overhoard, the ay that brought him his first iccess, adding that when rformed in full it lasts for ght hours.

Now here it is with five ours removed, you may be lieved to hear, but still a implex piece of writing, amplicated to stage too, with cast of 20 playing 40 characrs, and scenes set in boardnoms, banks, bedrooms, nops and a jazz club in Iontparnasse. I wish I had of it than I did. The family firm of Ravoire

et Dehaze makes lavatory rolls and their sales are being overtaken by a US interna-tional. Who shall be flung overboard and what new ideas brought in to revitalise the company? What excites or troubles the directors and employees during their time off? And how do the concerns of work and leisure mix?

One of the company managers is trying to write a play about the commercial battles, in which he includes scenes from his youth attending lectures about Norse gods, and a trio of dancers who seemingly rebel against his intentions. Vinaver neither favours the straightforward nor believes it

M WALTERS has now been able to appreciate more can tell anything like a full story. Interpenetration is his game. Boardroom struggles occur across a table which is also the bed for a pair of lovers, as well as a shop counter where a rep is failing

> ingenious though much of this is, I suspect the play has not been helpfully cut, so that the jazz pianist (Tim Welton). an Auschwitz survivor, keeps leading the play into an area we are not taken to. But sprightly acting from a grand set of actors, including Helen Ryan, David Gooderson, Michael Poole, and Timothy Watson playing the Young Turk with the killer smile.

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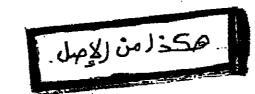
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Alan Coren



■ When The People's War breaks out, George, you must soldier on without me

f I turn my head a few degrees leftwards from the screen on which I have just written the words describing what I am now doing, my eyes arrive at a shelf bearing a few framed photographs of my family at war. Not, let me quickly type, at war with one another: these are not candid snaps of domestic rows, my relatives are not at one another's throats, there is no crockery flying

What they are at war with is Germany, I can't, of course, see this in the photographs, my family is not shooting anyone, they are not dropping bombs, nobody is wiping a bayonet: what they are doing is taking a break from the war to smile at the camera. They are all in uniform: here is my father, no older than my son, leaning against a hut at RAF Stradishall; here is a studio group of his brothers Les (Eighth Army) and Gus (Royal Ulster Rifles), with his sisters Ann (ATS) and Sadie (Land Army); and here, next to them, is my mother's brother Sid (Middlesex Regiment), with a big bandage around the top of his head and a big grin across the bottom of it, the former a testament to his recently having been at Dunkirk, the latter a testament to his even more recently having got back from it. So, can you guess what I am wondering, half a century on? I am wondering how my Auntie Ann would have fared in a rear turret over the Ruhr, and how my Auntie Sadie would have looked with shrapnel in her forehead.

I am wondering this because George Robertson has invited me to. For the Ministry of Defence, as you, too, will have read in Monday's Times, is about to ask the British public whether it wants women to fight in the front line, and as a member of that public I cannot give the Defence Secretary a straight answer until I am able to come to terms with the notion of my aunties, instead of decoking trucks or planting runner beans, parachuting into Arnhem. firing their Sten guns from the hip.

And since George is unlikely ever to get a straight answer from me on this, let me instead put him a straight question: is this unprecedented soliciting of the public's tactical opinion to be taken as a pointer to the future course of Britain's military policy? Am I, that is, to assume that new Labour's zest for referendum is soon to embrace all aspects of the defence of the realm? Because if it is as short a step as it seems from choosing the sort of Armed Forces we want to choosing what we should want them to do when we've got them, then I have a considerable amount of boning-up to do.

We all have: we shall have to fill our bookshelves with Jane's Fighting This and That, we shall have to obtain highly detailed maps of every country in the world, and highly detailed charts of every sea, we shall have to clear out our lofts to make room for regiments of toy soldiers - of both sexes and model tanks and guns and ships and missiles and all the deployable rest; we shall, in short, have to become tactical and strategic experts, because we are not talking here about such fripperies as single currencies or Welsh assemblies or foxhunting, we are talking about far more fraught and complex referendal decisions than those, and ones to be taken, moreover, far more snappily — as soon as, say, the newsflash breaks into EastEnders to inform us that the SS Belgrano Nuevo has just been sighted off Clacton, please ring 0345 2222 if you want to sink it, 0345 3333 if you want to wave to it, all calls charged at standard rate, or that Saddam Hussein has landed at Inverness and is marching on Prestonpans at the head of the Republican Guard, if you feel Britain should go nuclear on this one, please e-mail as soon as possible to: armageddon@trid-

On reflection, George, I think not. You yourself must be a brave little soldier, and defend the realm without my input. Oh, I am happy enough with the concept of The People's Party, I am more than happy with its declared vision of The People's Country, I am even ready to follow it into The People's Century, but if it is seeking my endorsement of The People's Army, it will seek in vain. Because I rather fancy that if you wish to keep the nation safe for democracy, then you have to recognise when to keep it



Don't panic, Mr Hague

uttered about British politics as since the last election. Drivel pours from every mouth and pen. This week it concerns the fate of the Conservative Party. "Why can't it apologise?" scream the head lines. "Sort out this mess," "Finished for a generation ... bankrupt, weak, leader-less." As for poor William Hague, Tory MPs used to take two years to rubbish the person they elect as their leader. They now take two months. Disloyalty has become a Tory habit of mind, a

scratching fever brought on by the Tory The May election is still misread. It was a huge confidence trick played on the electorate by the British constitution. The lowest turnout since the war, and a łukewarm vote for new Labour, was miraculously turned into a sensation. The cardinal fact was that (on MORI figures) some two and a half million Tories stayed at home, probably for no other reason than that they felt 18 years was enough.

The 1997 election would have been lost by any ruler, by Margaret Thatcher, Winston Churchill, the Duke of Wellington, Boadicea. The electorate was bored. It was finished with the Tories. A stay of execution had been granted in 1992, with a new leader and an untrusted Labour one. But 18 years was the limit. No other reason need be sought for defeat. The Government could have been the finest in history, the policies rock solid, the campaign the best. None of this mattered. Boredom was a sufficient condition. Nothing else was necessary.

Democracy speaks through elections. Its voice is expressed not in parliamentary seats but in poll shares. What is significant about May I was not that the Tory vote fell off the end of the calendar. What was remarkable was that Labour's showing was weak. The party had a new leader, new organisation, new branding and "18 years" all on its side. Yet still it could not persuade a majority to support it in the polling

Labour scored a modest 13.5 million votes, or 43.2 per cent of those cast in the most apathetic of British general elections. This was fewer than John Major won in 1992, and only 1.3 points higher in poll share. Tony Blair's "sensation" was a weaker mandate than Labour secured on taking power in 1945 (47.8 per cent) and 1964 (44.1 per cent) and smaller than the Tories in 1970 (46.4 per cent) The Tories should stop pretending to be a

Dad's Army — Blair's victory was a

confidence trick played by our constitution

and 1979 (43.9 per cent). To portray this time. Even if he keeps every one who as the most devastating result, variously voted for him, his poll share must shrink since the last war, the advent of universal suffrage, or the Battle of Hastings (all of which have been written), is plain silly. It indicates the

Westminster-centrism of British politics. Labour attended the field of battle splendidly caparisoned. But it won the day not by weight of numbers but fight. The spoils that were duly paraded in Parliament gave a distorted picture of the battle. They reflected not the scale of popular victory but the vagaries of the Labour's election team

in targeting marginal seats. A half-hearted public endorsement of new Labour was converted into an overwhelming Commons majority by mathematical eccentricity.

First-past-the-post

may deliver ministers of the Crown a disciplined majority. But facts are facts. I shudder when pundits regularly refer to Labour's parliamentary strength as if it were the same thing as its popular support. This is to treat voters as mere djuncts to democracy, as an idiot mob. allowed to give a crude thumb up or thumb down and then be buried from sight. Only when carried up to Westminster, to be mediated, interpreted and sanitised by Parliament and the media. are the votes of the electorate rendered

I regard the long-term lesson of May as grimmer for Labour than for the Tories. In April 1992 about 14 million people voted Tory, as they had done throughout the Thatcher years. That vote temporarily vaporised. Meanwhile everyone who had ever been inclined to vote Labour must have done so, young and old, firm or floating. Even then the party could muster only 43.2 per cent of a low turnout. It is hard to believe that Mr Blair can increase this vote from the pool of (largely Tory) abstainers next

as and when turnout rises.

Labour is now enjoying a high approval rating in opinion polls. This reflects a remarkably polished and confident summer honeymoon. But new governments tend to be popular immediately after elections. They rarely hold that popularity. The Tories lost poll Blair, in last week's speech, went out of his way to warn his party that the Tories were "sleeping not dead". He knows how vulnerable is his popular base and constitution and the tactical genius of how meaningless the size of his Commons majority.

> Honeymoons never last. Already darkening Mr Blair's horizon are struggles over public spending and Europe. He will require every ounce of the party discipline now so satirised both

inside and outside the

Commons, To adapt Tolstoy, all happy Commons majorities resemble one another, but each unhappy majority is unhappy in its own way. The bigger the majority, the bigger the potential for unhappiness. Mr Blair is right to be a Prime Minister in a hurry. He has another election to win and it

will not be easy.

So is the real lesson of May as comforting for the Tories as it should be discomforting for Labour? My short answer is, yes. If May was an "18-years" aberration, the party need only recover the form it showed in four previous elections to be in with a good chance of winning. With 18 years out of the way. that is not inconceivable. I see no reason why the 14 million Tories of 1992 should not be at least 13 million again in 2002. These are voters who stayed solid through the torments of Margaret Thatcher's spending cuts and Eurosplits, who were loyal equally in 1983, 1987 and 1992. Even in May most of the defectors abstained or voted Liberal Democrat rather than Labour. These-

party leader. Macmillan, Thatcher and Major all rescued the Tories from despair and won their first elections. It would be odd if so loyal an electoral

force were not prepared to give Mr
Hague the benefit of the doubt.

If the Labour Party had not existed in
the 1980s, nobody would have bothered
to reinvent it. In the event it came near to being supplanted by the Alliance. There are Communist, Socialist, Liberal, Radical and Social Democrat parties across Europe, wandering on and off the political stage. But there is always a Conservative Party. The Tories would certainly need inventing if they did not exist. Conservatism is an essential contour on the democratic map. To talk of it being in "terminal decline" more illiteracy.

British Conservatism won the great argument of postwar Britain. It redefined the public and the private sectors of the political economy, not just nationally but globally. That victory was crushing and is lasting. Labour had to steal almost all its clothes from the Tories and, apart from constitutional reform, has found precious few of its own. Even at the last election, the Tory manifesto had an intellectual substance lacking from Labour's.

Politics in Britain remains on the agenda set out by Margaret Thatcher and her Cabinet in the course of the 1980s. From defence and foreign affairs to the priorities of public spending, from welfare reform to standards in health and education, Mr Blair can only say. me too. Over the next three years, Thatcherism must be updated. There is no alternative. But the undating will take place under a Labour Government increasingly besieged by its supporters and interest groups. Even the present Conservative Party cannot let slip the electoral plums this should drop into

Unlike Labour, the Tories need only to rally their loyal vote. They need to sit tight and keep their heads. They can watch the make up fade, crack and fall from the face of new Labour. A harvest of local government victories is in the offing. Conservatism can rebuild its local strength, hold-its tea parties, auction its gongs, save money and wait. Labour strategists know this. The Tories apparently do not. Having misread last May, they are doing the only thing they always do well, which is fight one another and panic.

Versed in heart and mind

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It's good to muse,

Campbell-Johnston

insists Rachel

'Let the Muses muster. If not, they will probably be marshalled into order anyway. William Sieghart, founder of our annual rhyme-test, is assembling his armies. His plan is to storm our streets with cultural commandos. "Most people still think of poetry as a dusty back-of-the-bookshop, slim-volumed minority sport," M Sieghart wrote in the last edition of Prospect. Not any more, it seems. Poetry should be everywhere.

everywhere.

It already is -- in a subliminal sort of way. Poerry is integral to the modern environment from the lyrics of pop songs to the rapsters' rhythms, from greetings card ditties to advertising ingles. But the aim of National Poetry Day is to raise awareness and, hopeful-ly, to introduce people to some more

deserving verse.
Not since William Wordsworth's spontaneous overflow of powerful feet ing" have passions about poetry run so high — or so the publicity would have us believe. As Mr Sieghart lets his crusaders loose on our society, we will have spondees in supermarkets and anapaests in pubs, stanzas in train stations and quarrains in classrooms. And while commuters, no doubt, curse their traffic jams in couplets and bond-dealers bargain in blank verse, our national broadcasting stations will mark the cultural coup with poetry played be-tween programmes like martial music. Much of the population will be in-

Much of the population will be indifferent to this; just as most of us are
indifferent to National Prune Day or
National Taxi Driver's Year. Poetry has
always been the preoccupation of a
minority is largely a private pastime.
Although a recent survey suggests that
more than half the population have
unitten a norm in adulthood the results written a poem in adulthood, the results are reserved for the writer's eyes only.

That is probably just as well Writing poetry has a certain therapeutic value. It can help people to confront and express their most solemn ideas and heartfelt passions — and a great deal more cheaply than a session with a shrink. But most will acknowledge their attempts do little more than take them from had to warse True poetry as T.S. from bad to verse. True poetry, as T. S. Eliot warned us, is not simply "a turning loose of emotion".

should be discouraged. It is an exercise in elegance and precision of expression:
"The best words in the best order." Poetic composition is a highly skilled and technical craft. But it is precisely because of this that dabblers are best advised to keep their efforts well closeted. After all, if you have ever made the acquaintance of an amateur poetaster, you will probably know that other people's poems are like other people's dreams: almost always tedious and

often embarrassing. The enjoyment of poetry does not depend on producing it. This year National Poetry Day focuses on encouraging the consumer. Its theme, "By Heart", is designed to encourage individuals to commit a poem to memory. To do this is to arm oneself with one of our richest cultural resources.

emorising and reciting poetry is at least as old as Homer. It was integral to the ancient oral traditions of our culture. But learning verse by heart has faded out of educational fashion in the postwar years — along with the ink monitors and miniature milk bottles. Instead we rely on computer databases. Why bother to learn a poem, by rote when, at the click of a few keys you can access every work in the canon on screen? The brain has been replaced by the electronic retrieval system.

Yesterday Tony Blair enlisted the support of Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft, for a £100 million scheme designed to link every school in Britain up to the Internet. This National Grid for Learning initiative will disseminate educational material all over the country. But we should be wary of assuming that it will automatically improve the standards in our schools. The spread of information technology could present a

new threat to our thinking. Information is not the same as wisdom. Data does not become knowledge until it has been downloaded into the brain, until facts and figures have been processed and transformed by the human mind, and before the human mind has, in its turn, been moulded and changed by that which it has absorbed. A computer knows nothing; it merely stores information. It is the memory which enables us to use knowledge. Though by the year 2002 - if all runs according to Blairite plan - any schoolchild will be able to summon on to screen any poem from the English literary canon, this will be of less educational value than the memorising of a handful of these works.

Our personalities are shaped by what we know. Surely then, it is sensible to include somewhere in the repertoire of our knowledge, a few of the deepest and most eloquently expressed thoughts in the English language. A poem learnt is a poem retained for future use, perhaps for a lifetime. Its rhythms and cadences remain in the mind, informing and enriching everyday language. Its sentiments linger to provide solace or support. Its philosophical framework provides comment or criticism on the

world as it changes. A poem echoes in the whispering gallery of the imagination. It infuses and eeds our inner sanctum. National Poetry Day may play itself out in the public arena, but any lasting effects will take place in the quiet solitude of this

Glover's off

his chance to bite back. Mohamed Al Fayed, the Harrods owner, is to be the subject of a biography by Stephen Glover, the acerbic Spectator columnist and former newspaper editor. With his agent, Gillon Aitken,

Glover has been plotting the book for several months. "I met Mr Al Fayed ten years ago and thought he was both comic and coarse," says Glover, probably not advancing his campaign to win cooperation for the book. "I had the idea ages ago and Gillon's very keen. I haven't spoken to Mr Al Fayed yet, but I'm hoping that he'll give interviews and let me do the authorised version."

Al Fayed does not enjoy media attention. After a briefer study last year. Vanity Fair became the subject of a substantial libel

"Mr Al Fayed knows nothing about this," says his pugnacious spokesman. Michael Cole, who has spent much of the last few months cluttering the letters columns of our national press. People can do as they wish, sadly we can't stop them. I only hope that it recognises the part Mr Al Fayed has played in bringing down the Conservative Government and cleaning up British politics." I am sure he will write of

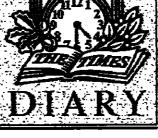
thony Scrivener has received much attention in the Dame Shirley Porter case. Not all of it welcome. "I saw the courtroom sketches on the news," says his wife, one Ying Hui Tan. "He looked like Worzel Gummidge. I sent him straight to the harber."

● THAT wild-haired advocate An-

Pot luck

ONE OF the most convenient ents lavatories between Buckingham Palace and Piccadilly is about to allow women onto the premises. The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mail - once considered a bastion of plus-four-wearing buffers -- has asked its members to decide on whether females should be grant-

ed equal membership. A postal vote is under way. Says the club: "We have recognised changes in society. And motoring is now as big a subject to women as it is to men." Fine, but can they



 HURRAH, no more fish fingers. Visitors to the Worcester home of the Earl of Coventry have noted the improved fayre. The reason? His cook, Mrs Elizabeth Callighan, has been sent on a cooking course in Bath. "We got our heads together and thought, why not get some more good ideas?" says the much married earl. "It was not so much back to basics as allowing her ideas to evolve." he adds delicately.

Coarse course THERE will be a sore ego in Tinseltown after the publication of Joan Collins's memoir, Second Act - Madonna's. Ms Collins, who affects not to have heard of the chanteuse, sat next to her at dinner. She

was underwhelmed. She proceeded to blow large pink bubblegum through dinner.'

she writes. "Madonna raised her plate and put her nose as close as possible to the contents. Then she stuck out her tongue to prod the food and sniffed again." They seem made for each other.

House rules

THOSE Lotharios in the Tory Reform Group (president: Ken Clarke) have fallen foul of Blackpool boarding house morality. The landlord of their guesthouse - like Clarke, they are slumming it has ticked them off after spotting a



"I'm all for kids learning the three Rs - Ram, Rom and Algorithms"

group of excitable women being smuggled in after hours. "It's not that sort of place," the landlord thundered. "It was entirely innocent," protests a One Nation type. "This is the last thing we are usually accused of." I should point out that Mr Clarke spent the night at his digs, with only his delightful wife, Gillian,

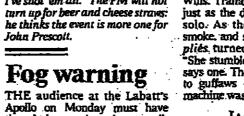
for entertainment.

● I AM delighted to hear that the charming Sandy Henney, aide to the Prince of Wales, has taken to wearing a silver ankle bracelet fashioned from paperclips by colleagues. This is in defiance of my report that she had a weakness for gold bracelets. I'm a Cockney and proud," she says. "I may be sacked tomorrow but I plan to

stay." I'm glad. RALLIES and Roses is the old Labour title of a photo exhibition by Fred Jarvis, old union shaker. He won't rank subjects: "They'll all hang together. Scargill, Blair, I've shot 'em all." The PM will not turn up for beer and cheese straws: he thinks the event is more one for John Prescott.

Fog warning

thought it was witnessing a rendi-



machine was given an early bath.



tion of Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, in fact, it was the opening of the Royal Ballet's Giselle, with Nicola Transh playing Queen of the Willis. Transh made her entrance just as the dry-ice machine went solo. As the stage filled with smoke, and some more, Transh's plies turned to blind-fumbles. "She stumbled and went for six," says one. The curtain came down to guffaws - while the smoke

JASPER GERARD | most private of realins.

TWO CHEERS

Tories should back Haig's most radical instincts

implies that he favoured further reform but

has been constrained by entrenched in-

terests. Neither the 1922 Committee nor the

National Union Executive Committee has

demonstrated enthusiasm for the politics of

inclusion. The green paper shows that they

have succeeded in restricting the expansion

of internal democracy. The conference can

provide Mr Hague with the ammunition to

of compromise, Conservatives should insert

clarity. The national membership board

must be populated by people directly elected by the entire party. Without that status it will

lack real standing. The cumbersome elec-

toral college arrangements currently out-

lined would risk different categories of the

party producing alternative results. Mem-

bers of Parliament should certainly narrow

the number of prospective candidates down

to an acceptable number. After that "one

member, one vote" alone should shape the

outcome. Any other formula will lack

legitimacy. Tories should not adopt a semi-

that internal reform - of whatever quality -

will in itself revive their fortunes. Numerous

conference speakers yesterday appeared to

believe that all aspects of public policy in the

last Parliament had been an unqualified

success. According to this version of history,

the Tories lost office solely because of

division at Westminster and inadequate

organisation at the local level. The Conser-

varives need to approach their new constitu-

tion with the maximum degree of radical-

ism. Democracy should be their consistent

watchword. However, Mr Hague will surely

require an equally rigorous approach when

later. Mr Gates also has an interest in

gaining entry to school Internet services. At

the moment, the Web browser field is

dominated by Netscape, but Microsoft has

about 30 per cent of the market and rising. If

it could capture the British educational

sector, it would gain a substantial foothold

Mr Blair would be unwise to become too

close to Mr Gates. Now that Windows

software is close to being an industry

standard, there is well-founded and wide-

spread anxiety that Mr Gates has an

unhealthy amount of control over the most

widespread and important technology in the

Two years ago at his party conference, Mr

Blair made this mistake with another near-

monopoly, when he announced with tri-

umph that BT had offered to cable all

schools, hospitals and libraries to the Net. It

soon emerged that BT's competitors, the

cable companies, were not happy with the

idea of BT's dominance being enhanced:

Blair is also in a strong bargaining position.

There is no need for him to ingratiate

himself with hardware and software provid-

ers: he can drive a tough deal with them. It is

encouraging that he intends to open the

market up to bidding, not to offer Microsoft

sole rights. He may even find that providers.

rather than being paid by the Government,

are prepared to pay him for the privilege of

catching Britain's schoolchildren while they

are still impressionable in the ways of the

terrified the horseless Anglo-Saxons. The

legendary battle of Mons Badonicus, in

which Arthur is said to have beaten the

Saxons, was fought at about the time of this

Suffolk burial. At Hastings Norman cavalry

and archers with difficulty overcame the

Anglo-Saxon footmen with their battle-axes.

And the class antagonism between man on

The Lakenheath horse was huge for its

period, standing 16 hands. So scholars will

have to rethink their accepted notion of a

Saxon warlord riding into battle on a pony.

dismounting to fight and remounting to ride

away. Wood and felted wool, rivets and

tacks have been found beside this old

English horse. From them the archaeolo-

gists may now piece together a jigsaw to

remake one of the earliest English saddles.

Attila is said to have brought the stirrup to

Europe, but surely not in time to have turned

up in this burial on Europe's offshore island.

The girth-buckle, bridle straps and snaffle

bit seem remarkably similar in size and

function to the tack that English riders still

The sinuous gilt-bronze ornamentation on

the harness is early evidence of the horse as

pride and sport of kings. From the begin-

ning the horse has conferred status on its

rider as well as power and mobility. The

bucket found beside the horse at Lakenheath

seems to have contained food. That could be

the earliest instance of the grand old English

cavalry axiom: a good rider sees that his

horse is fed and watered before he feeds and

waters himself.

foot and man on horse began.

In the computerisation of schools, Mr

they were keen to join in too.

he conducts his promised policy review.

WIRED FOR POUNDS

Gates needs Blair as much as Blair needs Gates

OLD WARHORSE

This burial may record the first charge of the English cavalry

in this country.

They should also not delude themselves

detached form of democracy.

Where the consultative document smacks

deal with this obstruction.

The Conservative Party has rarely had nity this afternoon to demand additional much enthusiasm for democracy. It has historically operated on the basis that the Man in Westminster knows best. The ballot that affirmed William Hague's leadership and endorsed the broad principles of party reform represented the first participatory exercise of its kind. In that context - and allowing for the incoherent manner in which local associations maintain their records — both the turnout and the proportion of the ballot that backed Mr Hague should be considered satisfactory. He has a mandate

for change and should be willing to use it.

The "green paper" published yesterday has been deliberately designed as a consultation exercise. At this stage the superstructure is more important than the detail. Many aspects of the proposed new constitution will command widespread support. The notion of a single party structure is sound. The creation of one central national membership list is decades overdue. The establishment of an ethics and integrity committee should allow the party to deal with accusations of personal impropriety faster. The blueprint acknowledges the chronic failure of the Tories to promote female talent. By Conservative standards it is a radical document.

It is not, though, radical enough. In a number of respects it offers only two cheers for democracy. The draft manifesto and certain policy questions would be placed before the party in the country. However, the new national membership board will have, at most, only half of its representatives drawn from outside the present power elite. Even these figures will emerge from a national convention dominated by constituency chairmen. The membership has been promised merely a "substantial proportion" of an electoral college that would select the leader. Members of Parliament would continue to dominate this crucial contest.

Conservative activists have the opportu-

After all the build-up, yesterday's meeting

between Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft,

and the Prime Minister was as exciting as

waiting for a Website to download from the

Net. Mr Gates offered enthusiasm but no

money or equipment to help the Govern-

ment's project to wire all Britain's schools to

the Internet by 2002. Tony Blair praised Mr

Gates's support as a "tremendous boost" to

his scheme. He might well, though, have

is a fine ambition. Already British children

are among the most computer-literate in the

world. But technology fast becomes obsolete

and needs updating. To remain competitive,

this country needs to invest in hardware,

software and the training of teachers in information technology. While the Internet

should not be treated as an educational

panacea, it is still useful for schools to have

But the Government should recognise its

bargaining power. Britain's 32,000 schools

and several million schoolchildren are a

huge market for any hardware or software

provider. And schools are one of only two

sectors of the economy - the other being

graphic design - in which PCs using

Microsoft software do not dominate. The

Apple system is still popular in education.

but Mr Gates would be delighted to be given

the chance to monopolise this market as he

does so many others. Once schoolchildren

are trained on one standard, they are likely

to want to stick to it for the rest of their lives.

If Microsoft can catch them young, it will

have a good chance of winning their custom

The origins of the English love affair with

the horse have been turned up by a bulldozer

at Lakenheath. The 1.500-year-old grave of a

horse and rider buried together under the

Suffolk airbase is unique. Such burials are

quite common on the Eurasian steppes,

where horsemanship was invented. From

the world, and horse and rider were not

separated even in death. But only five such

burials have been found before in East

Anglia, one at the royal burial ground of

Sutton Hoo. And they had been looted or

were carelessly excavated in the 19th

century, when vital material was lost. The

Lakenheath burial seems to be intact. So the

archaeologists should be able to reconstruct

precisely the pattern and function of the

That would fill a blank chapter in the early

history of British horsemanship. The An-

cient Britons are celebrated in literature for

their war chariots, but the Romans defeated

them with the auxiliary cavalry they brought

over with them from the mainland. Little

enough is known about the equipage or

harness of either. The Anglo-Saxons, how-

ever, had negligible cavalry. Only their

kings or warlords were mounted, and the

spectacle of a man on a horse would have

been almost as awesome to them as the

modest cavalry of Cortés and Pizarro was to

There is a romantic theory that King

Arthur's knights in armour echo a distant

folk memory of the heavily armoured

cavalry left behind by the Romans, which

the Aztecs and Incas.

horse's harness of about AD 550."

there the cavalry hordes rode out to conquer

Updating the computers in British schools

honed for more.

access to it.

innovation. Mr Hague suggested that the delegates should speak their minds and be as radical as they liked. His invitation

Sir, I am surprised that Andrew Reid, Andrew Honnor, James Bethell and Simon Brocklebank-Fowler, the authors of the Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet on Young Conservatives (report, October 6), are able to claim that YC membership has "fallen to

One of the greatest problems with our current system of branch-based membership is that no one knows just how many members we really do

What no one should dispute is that we need vastly more young members of the party. Our student organisation is a shadow of its former self and most constituencies no longer have a YC branch which a potential member could join even if they wanted to. That is why the YCs have been advocating a system of national membership for more than a year.

The general thrust of ideas promonths ago.

The party should not write off its

Yours faithfully, JASON HOLLANDS (National Chairman of the Young Conservatives, 1996-97), 113a Alderney Street, SWI. October 6.

From Mr Jerome Gardner

Sir, I read with incredulity the comment by William Hague in your interview (October 6): "At the moment they [the Labour Government] have the easy option of sticking to our spending

Is Mr Hague totally unaware of the present turmoil amongst health trusts with such complacency?

This option may seem easy to Hague — though I doubt that Frank Dobson shares his view. It certainly doesn't look that way to those like myself who live in isolated rural areas and are in danger of losing vital local services.

Yours faithfully, JEROME GARDNER, Morticombe, Cherry Bridge. Barbrook, Lynton, Devon. October 7.

From Mr Mark Hamer

not ridicule (report, October 7).

struggle to survive.

Mr Hague knew that there would be no big crowds on the dock. That did not deter him. He came to see the leaders of Fleetwood's 150 fishermen (not too long ago we had 1,200) and to

redressing past mistakes. At long last we firmly believe that

(Secretary). Fleetwood Fishermen's Association. 19 Poulton Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire. October 7.

From Mr John Raybould

Sir. In the first extract of his authorised biography. Major: a Political Life [October 2; see also extracts, October 3, 4, 7], Dr Anthony Seldon quotes the former Prime Minister as saying on May I, with words that recalled the theatrical tradition of his parents: "When the curtain falls, it is time to get off the stage."

freefall.

Yours sincerely. JOHN RAYBOULD, 88 Lawrence Moorings. Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire. October 3.

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Hague's challenge Taking sides on the right to drive to start recovery

From Mr Jason Hollands

posed by the report - namely a merger of the YCs and Conservative Students - is in fact exactly what the YCs themselves proposed in dis-cussions with the National Union

lack of members as a social or cyclical trend. Our current structure has manifestly failed to work and that is why we in the current youth wing wholly support the need for a "fresh

plans for a couple of years."

and authorities as a result of the Government's stubborn adherence to inadequate Tory spending limits? Does he not know that hospitals up and down the country are under threat of forced closure because of the continuation of the "plans" he refers to

Sir, William Hague deserved praise for coming to Fleetwood's fish dock, Once the greatest fishing port on

our western seaboard, Fleerwood is now a shadow of its former self. Our industry has been almost destroyed by the actions of successive governments over the past 25 years. We

discuss our problems. We spoke to him for 30 minutes and

came away impressed, not only with the man himself, but with his enthusiasm and obvious capability. I got the firm impression he was committed to

we have a major political party which is on the fisherman's side. We thank William Hague for that and wish him

Yours faithfully, MARK HAMER

I prefer: "You should get off the stage while they are still applauding." Perhaps if the Conservative Party had heeded this when Lady Thatcher was still in power (and conducted a more decorous change of leadership instead of unceremoniously shoving her out) we might not be witnessing the party in its current sad and ignominious

From Mr Mark McArthur-Christie

Sir. It was extremely encouraging to read today's letter from Professor Stanley Feldman and Professor Vincent Marks challenging the popular view of cars as polluting monsters and pointing out that emissions from buses, coaches and diesel trains constitute a greater threat to health than those from cars.

Cars are getting cleaner. A modern petrol car produces less than 10 per cent of the pollution of its pre-1993 counterpart, and emissions are set to fall by 50 per cent over the next ten years without the additional legislation already planned. One bus, on the other hand, produces more particu-lates than 128 cars and more oxides of nitrogen than 39 cars (figures from the Natural Environmental Technology Centre). However, these are not figures trumpeted by those claiming concern for the environment.

As your correspondents point out. even if buses and bicycles are the current politically correct modes of transport, cars are both convenient and extremely useful. We need to recognise that owning and driving a car is not tantamount to environmental desecration, but an essential freedom vital to both individuals and the economy.

Yours faithfully, M. McARTHUR-CHRISTIE (Committee member, Association of British Drivers). 160 Farmer's Close. Witney, Oxfordshire.

From the Director General of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK

Sir, There are some fundamental flaws in the reasoning by Professors Feldman and Marks.

True, one bus or coach produces a higher level of particulate emissions than one car. However, the average bus carries the occupants of 20 average cars, so emissions per passenger mile are much lower. In addition, diesels produce around 20 per cent less

CO2 than an equivalent petrol engine. thus lessening the threat of global

warming. Buses and coaches are getting cleaner in parallel with cars. European standards for particulate and other emissions were stepped up last October, and will become even more

demanding over the next decade.

The reality is that greater use of buses and coaches by people who currently use cars will relieve congestion. reduce pollution levels and improve the urban environment.

Yours faithfully. VERONICA PALMER. Director General. Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, Imperial House, 15-19 Kingsway, WC2. October I.

From Mr Timothy H. Jones

Sir. The decision by the French Government to ban private vehicles with odd and even-numbered licence plates on alternate days (report, October 2) appears to be a brilliant solution to tackling smog pollution in Paris. However, I believe that in several

European countries where this ruling has already been introduced those who can afford to do so are simply likely to buy two cars, one with an odd-numbered and the other with an even-numbered registration, thereby increasing the overall numbers of cars

on the road. In Italy, which has the highest number of cars per head of population, the problem is compounded further by the effect which owning an extra car has on the purchasing of new vehicles. Not being able to afford a new car and a second-hand one, many people are obliged to own two cheaper secondhand vehicles. What is worse, they keep these cars and drive them when they are unroadworthy or pollution hazards.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY H. JONES, 25-3 Edina Place, Edinburgh 7.

sion. First, he demands tolerance in

artistic matters, yet offers no defini-

tion of art. Until we can agree on a de-

finition, this will be an empty form of words. Pornographers, sadists and vandals have all claimed that their ac-

tivities are art: does Dr Seabrook ac-

cept such claims at face value, or does

he draw a line somewhere? And if so,

Even if we concede the point in full.

there will still be a problem. Art.

however fine, involving serious hu-

man or animal distress is, arguably,

immoral. Bullfighting, child porno-

graphy and blasphemy have all been claimed as art: they all delight some

people and distress others. It is not

enough (in any of these cases) to argue

that a sensitive person may simply

turn his back: the distress is caused by

To safeguard civilised existence we

need restraints. Compromises be-

tween competing principles are forced

on us. I suggest that we should discuss

the uses and limits of censorship in

this context. The likely outcome of a

debate conducted in the absolute

terms implied by Dr Seabrook's letter

is not an absence of censorship or a

triumph of tolerance - it is over-

regulation of our right to free ex-

Yours faithfully.

October 3.

the mere existence of the offence.

Art and censorship

From Mr Ralph Blumenau

Sir, Dr Justin Seabrook repeats the mantra. "Censorship is not an answer to offensive material" (letter, October 3; see also letters, September 18, 19, 29) in defence of the Royal Academy Sen-sation exhibition. There is a distinction to be made between censorship from outside (eg, by the Government) and self-censorship.

If, as I hope. Dr Seabrook abstains from foul language in private, let alone in public, he is rightly applying self-censorship. That is what some of us expect of the RA. It is not dutybound to display everything that des-cribes itself (or is described by Mr Saatchi) as art.

If I set my mind to it, I expect I could submit something to the RA and claim that it is a work of art. It might be quite bland and inoffensive or it might be disgusting. In either case I think the RA should reject it because my productions would not qualify as art; and if it did so, it would not occur to me to complain of censorship.

Yours faithfully, RALPH BLUMENAU, 111 Princes House, 50 Kensington Park Road, WII.

From Mr Michael S. Bruce

Sir, Dr Seabrook's letter does not materially contribute to this discus-

Morton and Red Cross From Mr David Hobman

Sir, The possible decision by the British Red Cross Society, and other charities associated with Princess Diana, to refuse a donation from Andrew Morton and his publishers freport. October 6; see also letter, October 7] is certainly mistaken, and possibly illegal.

Some years ago, when I was Director of Age Concern England, we were one of a number of national charities selected as potential beneficiaries of donations from a group of workers who had refused to join a union within a closed-shop agreement. The arrangement reached followed an approved procedure. We were then attacked, and threat-

ened with legal action, by a group hos-

tile to the closed shop. As it happened, the money did not materialise.

M. S. BRUCE. 3 Wistow Road, Selby, Yorkshire.

was not for us to judge the motives of donors. Unless gifts are known to be the result of a criminal act, the responsibility of charitable trustees is to accept donations for the benefit of the cause they serve and to use it well. Even then, it isn't always easy to

parcel of the same process. It's called Christianity.

Cancer trials

From Dr John Radford

Sir, in your issue of September 22, father children in the future.

Lest the expectations of parents of young boys is highly questionable.

under my chairmanship, supported by the Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund, has been investigating the possibility However, our legal advisers said it

identify the source when an envelope stuffed with ancient banknotes arrives without identification. Forgiveness of sins, and the expiation for ancient crimes, are part and

Yours etc. DAVID HOBMAN, Robinswood, George's Lane. Storrington, West Sussex.

under the heading "Fertility hope for boys who survive cancer", you report extensively on the experimental treatment planned for a two-year-old boy about to receive sterilising chemotherapy. He is to have testicular tissue removed and stored in liquid nitrogen, in the hope of giving him a chance to

other young boys so affected are raised unjustifiably, I wish to point out that the technique described has not yet been shown to be effective even in the human adult male. Until such evidence is available I believe the collection and storage of this tissue from

Since May 1995 a research group

of using a patient's own spermatogonial cells (collected from the testis and frozen before chemotherapy) to reinstate fertility after the completion of treatment. So far, testicular tissue has been harvested from seven young men and the first reinjection of spermatogonial cells is planned for next year. Only if these reinjections prove successful would we consider apply-

ing the technique to children. Meanwhile, we believe that experiments of the type you report should be confined to tightly regulated clinical trials, where efficacy and safety can be monitored and objective analysis of costs and benefits to the patient is certain.

Yours sincerely. JOHN RADFORD (Consultant physician and senior lecturer in medical oncology). Christie Hospital NHS Trust, Wilmslow Road, Withington, Manchester. September 26.

Call for a rethink on school French

From Mr Richard Branson

Sir, For historic reasons French is the compulsory foreign language taught in our schools. My daughter is about to do French in the sixth form, not out of choice but hecause she's never had the chance to do Spanish.

So much of the world (including 50 per cent of North Americans) now speaks Spanish, it is the second international language after English. Most of the popular holiday destinations visited by British people now are Spanish, not French-speaking. And it's an easier language to learn.

Should we not be considering whether Spanish should replace French as our second language?

Kind regards, RICHARD BRANSON (Chairman). Virgin Group of Companies, 120 Campden Hill Road, W8. October 7.

Solti and Bartok

From Mr Peter Timar

Sir. I read with surprise in today's Diary that the Hungarian Ambassador, Mr Gabor Szentivanyi, is hoping that Sir Georg Solti's final resting place will be in Budapest because, as he says. "he is one of our all-time greats. He ranks with Bartok."

Sir Georg Solti was definitely an eminent Hungarian conductor who died away from his homeland. But whether he was pre-eminent amongst all the other very eminent Hungarian conductors (Reiner, Dorati, Szell, Kerteszl, who also rest in foreign lands, is a matter of personal opinion. Is Mr Szentivanyi planning to take them all back to Hungary?

As for ranking Solti with Bartok, Mr Szentivanyi (whom I suspect may be more knowledgeable about diplomacy than music) should realise that a conductor - no matter how great and popular - is only a mere interpreter and as such cannot be ranked with the creativity of a composer, and especially not with the genius of Bartok

What next? Karajan ranks with Beethoven?

Yours faithfully, PETER TIMAR, 14 Sunny Hill, NW4. October 3.

Brum culture

From Mr Wilfred Morgan

Sir. Neither Shakespeare nor Dr Johnson would have spoken with a Birmingham accent (leading article. "Brum's the word", October 1; letter, October 3).

The people of Stratford and Lichfield do not speak like Brummies, and I suspect that in the times of Shake-speare and Johnson the differences of accents would have been more marked because there was less communication between places that were miles

However, as a Brummie, I take pleasure that someone should link the names of two such eminent people with Birmingham. Nobody to my knowledge who was born and lived a major part of their life in Birmingham has ever risen to national prominence in the arts. The city of a thousand trades is no breeding ground for romantics.

Yours faithfully, WILF MORGAN, 159 Marsh Lane. Erdington, Birmingham.

Ask a silly question ...

From Mr D. L. B. Hartley

Sir. When I was a boy at Lancaster Royal Grammar School an examination was held on the last day of the summer term for the purpose of awarding endowed scripture prizes (letters, September 1 — October 4). In answer to the question: "What was 'A Sabbath Day's Journey?" a fellow pupil wrote, "A Sabbath Day's Journey is from Lancaster to Morecambe Odeon". (Cinemas were closed in Lancaster on Sundays but open in Morecambe, four miles away.) He had thought he was leaving

school that term, but his family's arrangements were changed and when he came back to school in September he was caned. That was in 1933. Yours truly

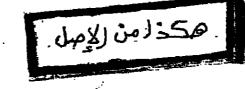
DESMOND HARTLEY, Ghyll Bank, Brook Road, Windermere, Cumbria. October 5.

Thanks, but no thanks

From Mr Nicholas Neve Sir. Having also become eligible for a giant electronic frog which says Ribbir, Ribbit" (letter, October 5), 1 obtained one and have found it excellent both for entertaining small grandchildren indoors and as a deter-

rent to neighbours' cats in the garden. For moles, an electronic card which repeatedly plays "Happy Birthday" seems more effective.

Yours sincerely.
NICHOLAS NEVE, Eynhailow, The Purlieu, Upper Colwall, Malvern, Worcestershire. October 6.





COURT CIRCULAR

AIWAN-ESADR, ISLAMABAD October 7: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Chaklala Airport, Islamabad, Pakistan, and were received by the Foreign Minister (Captain Gohar Ayub Khan).

Her Majesty and His Royal High-reseduces to the Decident's Palace.

ness drove to the President's Palace. Aiwan-e-Sadr, and were received by The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistun (Sardar Farooq Ahmad

Khan Leghari).
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Shah Faisal

Mosque.
Her Majesty afterwards visited the Prime Minister (Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif) at his residence.
The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon mented new commercial offices at the opened new commercial offices at the British High Commission.

Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness subsequently attended a Recep-tion for media representatives at the Mich Commission.

High Commission.

This evening The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a State Banquer given by The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at the Presidential Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 7: The Princess Royal today visited East Sussex and was received by Mrs Andrew Stewart-Roberts (Vice Lord-Lieutenant).

Her Royal Highness this morning attended the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference and Anmual General Meeting at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton. The Princess Royal, President. Save the Children Fund, afterwards visited a shop at 74 Blatchington

Road, Hove.

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this alternoon visited Hope in the Vally Group, Plumpton College. Ditching Road, Plumpton Lewes.

The Princess Royal, Parron. SENSE — the National Dealblind and Rubella Association, later visited a charity shop at 6 St Mary's Walk.

Her Royal Highness, President. Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Private Appeal Committee Meeting at Buckingham Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench, this evening dired with the Benchers of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. London WC2. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 7: The Duchess of Gloud this afternoon opened the new exten-sion at Sibsey Free Primary School, Sibsey, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Line-olnshire (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley). Her Royal Highness later opened the new Technology Block at Kirton Middleoon Secondary School, Kirton.

wards opened the new Tennis Centre for the Boston Lawn Tennis Club, Sleaford Road, Boston.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 7: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England, was represented by the Lord Farnham at the Memorial Service for the Earl Cadogan which was held in St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London, SW3, this

The Princess Royal has been pleased to appoint Mr Rupert McGuigan to be Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness on the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Peter Gibbs on October 16, 1997.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the EUROGOLF 97 trade exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham, at 9.30am; and will attend a centenary dinner given by the Western Gailes Golf Club at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, at 7.15.

Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, at 7.15.
The Princess Royal will open the Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Himmon Hall, Cambridge, at 10.40; as parron, National Autistic Society, will re-open Radlett Lodge School, Harper Lane, Radlett, Hertfordshire, at 2.05; as President, Save the Children Fund will actend a Sarva Children Fund, will attend a Servo reception for staff fundraisers. HM Treasury, Parliament Street, SWI, at 5.00; and as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend the HMV gala dinner, Savoy Hotel, at 7.30.

gala differ, savey riole, at 7.50.

The Duke of Gloucester will open Carlisle Business Centre at 10.45; will visit the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford at 11.55; will open the new Eye Clinic at Bradford University at 2.40; and as Grand Prior. Order of St. John will view a demonstration by John, will view a demonstration by St John Ambulance Cadets and Badgers, Bradford University Campus at 3.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as paron. National Asthma Campaign, will attend the preview of the Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club. London SW6, at 5.45.

The Duchess of Kent, as parron, will open the Norfolk and Norwich Festival, at Norwich Railway Station, as 3,0; and as parron, the Year of Opera and Musical Theatre 1997, will attend the opening gala at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at 7.25.

Princess Alexandra will attend at service of thanksgiving and celebra-tion to mark the 25th anniversary of the Friends of the Clergy Corpora-tion, in the chapel of Lambeth Palace, at 1105

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Heinrich composer. Köstriz. Germany. 1885; John Hoadly. poet and dramatist, London. 1711; Montague Lowry-Corry. 187 Baron Rowton. politician and founder of the Rowton Houses. London, 1838: Eddie Rickenbacker American fighter pilot in the First World War, Columbus, Ohio, 1890; Ellen Wilkinson, trade unionist and politician, Manchester, 1891: Juan poutogan, marchester, 1891; Juan Perton, President of Argentina 1946-55 and 1973-74. Buenos Aires, 1895; Piotr Jaroszewicz, Prime Minister of Poland 1970-80, Nieswicz, 1909.

DEATHS: Cola di Rienzi, revolutionary. Rome, 1354; Henry Fielding, novelist. Lisbon, 1754; Pierre Fournier, engraver and type founder. Paris. 1768; Vittorio Allieri, poet, Florence, 1903; Franklin Pierce, 14th American President 1853-57, Concord. New Hampshire, 1869; Sir John Monash, engineer and general, Melbourne, 1931; Kathleen Ferrier, contraito. London, 1953: Clement Artice, Ist Earl Artice, Prime Minister 1945-51, London, 1967.

St Mark's Cathedral, Venice, was consecrated, 1085. The Great Fire of Chicago began. The Post Office Tower opened. Service luncheon

Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday in HMS Victory in honour of Colonel General Oleksandr Zatynayko, First Deputy Defence Minister and Chief of General Staff, Ulcraine.

Mr George Roberson. Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General Zenildo, Brazilian Minister for the Army.

luncheon held yesterday at Australia House. The Earl of Limerick was appointed chairman. The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia

Legal retirement Judge Alkinson has retired from the Bench on the North Eastern Circuit.

Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief

Luncheons

The Duke of Kent was represented by Lord Farnham at a memorial service for Earl Cadogan held yesterday at St Luke's, Chelsea. The Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies officiated, assisted by Canon Phillip Roberts and the Rev Peter Elvy who led the prayers.

Earl Cadogan

The Very Rev Derek Watson and the Rev Robin Paterson read the lessons. Earl Cadogan, son, read from The Partridge by Stuart Wortley and Mr John Henderson Sir John Leahy, outgoing Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society, pre-sided at the annual meeting and gave an address.

The Bishop of Kensington pronounced the blessing. Prebendary C E Leighton Thomson was robed and seated in the sanctuary. The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater

London was represented by Sir Michael Craig-Cooper. The Aga Khan, Prince Amin Aga Khan and the Mayor and Mayoress of Ken-

Gerald Edwards, left, and Lewis Hart judging the apples and pears at the RHS Westminster Show yesterday

Crunch time for apples and pears

APPLES and pears which have fruited well despite the severe frosts last April can be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show. These fruits have reasonably frost-tolerant blossom or are late flowering and

The exhibit of apples from the RHS Garden, Wisky, Surrey, also shows that fruits have coloured well this year. The cultivars "Lord Burghley" and "Captain Kidd", both red dessert apples, are particularly bright.

A display of 50 cultivars of fruit from Gerald Edwards, of Pinner, northwest London, and Douglas Bolingbroke, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, shows what arnateur garden-ers can achieve. The display consists mainly of apples, from the ancient culinary cultivar "Golden Noble" (introduced in 1769) to the one of the top-selling dessert apples.

It has been an easier season for vegetable It has been an easier season for vegetable growers, as several top-quality exhibits show. One of the two gold medals went to a display of vegetables from W. Robinson & Sons, of Forton, Lancashire, which includes an unusual hot pepper, "Sootch Bonnet Burkina", with orange lantern-shaped fruits, and an orange turkan-shaped fruits, and an orange turkan-shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped fire and an orange turkan-shaped substitute of the shaped substitut turban-shaped aubergine "Jaxatus Soxna". A collection of 130 cultivars of root vegetables

grown by Joe Maiden in the Gardening Which? demonstration garden, at Golden Acre Park, Leeds, shows the wide variation in colour and shape to be found in crops such as carrots and radishes. The carrots range from round "Parabei" to ultra-long "Flakee", and radishes vary from the usual red globe-shaped cultivars such as "Jolly" to white parsnip-shaped "April Cross". Autumnal hues are provided by a collection of pumpkins and squashes from the RHS Garden, Wisley.

Among the floral exhibits at the show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, a gold medal Amateur gardeners prove their worth at RHS show

despite a frosty reception,

reports Alan Toogood

has been awarded to Springbank Nursery, of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, for a display of nerines (autumn flowering bulbs), which includes many of their own seedlings of Nerine sarniensis in shades of flame, orange and white: Two of the newest cultivars on show are "Clarabel" with white, salmon-striped flowers from salmon buds, and purple "Darius".

The educational and scientific exhibit of autumn-flowering crocuses, part of the National Collection of Crocus, staged by the RHS Garden, is probably the first of its kind to be seen at a Westminster show. The species and cultivars, such as C. nutifitorus, C. speciosus and C. goulimpi, are displayed in a limestone scree, mimicking their natural habitat.

A collection of orchids, mainly species, has been brought over from The Netherlands by Orchideen Wubben, of Maartensdijk, Particularly eye-catching is *Dendrobium* "All Season Blue", with sprays of small light violet-blue

flowers, an unusual colour in this genus.

All 6,000 orchids that have been awarded a
First Class Certificate or Award of Merit by the RHS Orchid Committee since 1897 have been painted. It is apt that 100 years later a collection of orchid paintings is being exhibited at the show. The display includes some of the 200 flost paintings of the clown orchid, Odonto-glossum, dating from 1890 to 1930, which Mrs glossum, dating from 1890 to 1930, which Mrs Sylvia Purt found in the antic of her Shropshire

Memorial service

Singion and Chrisea americo. Among others present were. The Downger Courness Cadogan (videov), Courness Cadogan (daughter-law), the Hon William Cadogan (son, Lord and Lady Rockley, Mr David and Lady Daphne Balley and Mr Peter Tahany and Lady Caroline Tahany is and Catoghers). Viscount and Viscountess Chelies. Mr Cary and Lady Anna Thomson, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Mark Presson. Mr Alexander Balley.

home. Collected by her late father, Dr Gordon. Quay, an amateur orchid enthusiast, they were painted by the best orchid artists of the day. The class for white grapes was won by the Duke of Devonshire, of Chatsworth, with the cultivar "Muscat of Alexandria".

KIPPA MATTHEWS

cultivar "Muscat of Alegandria".

Pener W. E. Collett, of Chichster, West
Sussex, has won the class for six cultivars of
fruits, which includes the old "Black Worcester" pear. J. Uren, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire, has won the class for nine dishes of apples and pears. The Eastcote Horticultural Society, of northwest London, has scooped the affiliated societies' challenge cup for nine dishes of apples and pears.

In the vegetable section, a team of gardeners from Wales — C. Muisey, J. Thompson, R. Tudor, R. Criddle and I. Mace — won the toor, K. Crouie and I. Mace — won the covesed George Monro challenge cup for 12 dishes of vegetables, which include arm-thick leeks. R. Criddle, of Neath, West Glamorgan, scooped the Riddell trophy for six kinds of vegetables which feature exceptionally large "Welsh Arrow" leeks and "Ideal" celery.

The class for four trees or shrubs with autumnal fruits in the ornamental plants' competition was won by F. N. Creek, of Sussex, with Prunus spinosa, Viburnum opulus, Leyesseria formosa and Hypericum x inodorum.

A plague of red spider mites in the summer devastance carnations and pinks across the country and as a result the British National Carnation Society's autumn show was poorly supported. The premier award, the Daily Mail cup for most points in the six-bloom classes for perpetual-flowering carnations, went to Jim Linnell, of Towcester, Northamptonshire.

In the Bonsai Kai, of London, competition, Paul Parkin, of London, won the China Stane lanters for most points.
The show, in the Old and New Horstenbural Halls Viries Square and Greyona Street, Weatmirster, topen today from 10mm to 5pm.

Secretary).

Mr B Hocombe (Master, Victoria Rifles Lodge 827, representatives of Cadogan Lodge, Christchurch School, Chelsea, Caveribam House, the Royal British Legion, the Salvation Army, the Bloomsbury Society for Racial Harmony in the Aris, the Friends of Chelsea and westminister Hospitals, Legacy Clubs of Australia, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioners, Hill House-School, London SW1, and members of saff from the Cadogan Estates.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Anglesey, 75; Miss Berty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House of Commons, 68; Viscount Caldecore, 80; Professor Garth Chapman, 200logist, 30; Mr Chevy Chase, actor, 54; Sir Nicolas Cheerham; diplomat. 87; Sir Geoffrey de Deney, former Clerk of the Privy Couell; 66; Professor West Sussex: Mr D.E. Cramfield H.E. de Wardener, nephrologist, 82; Sir Edward Eveleigh, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80: Viscount Enmouth, 57; His-Honour Edgar Pay, QC, 89; Sir Michael Rox, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 76; Mr Brandon Gough, chairman, Yorkshire Water, 60;

Mr Milner Gray, founder partner, Design Research Unit, 98; Mr John Hardman, former chairman. Asda Group, 58; Professor Sir Richard, Harrison, FRS; anatomist, 77; Mr Alasdair Milne, anatomist, 7/; Mr Alascair Milite, former Director-General, BBC, 6/; Dr César Milistein, CH, FRS, biochemist, 70: Miss Rel Mooney, writer and troadcaster, 51; Mr R.K. Morris, director, Council for British Archaeology, 50; Sir Mark Olipham, FRS, former Governor, South Australia, 96: Dame Merie Park Director, Royal Ballet School, 60: the Very Rev J.M.K. Paterson, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 75; the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, diplomat, 78: Mr

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television director, 69.

Social Security and Child Support Commissioners The Lord Chancellor was the gues of honour at a dinner of the Social. Security and Child Support Commissioners held last night at Lincoln's Inn. Judge Kenneth Machin, QC, Chief Commissioner. presided. Judge Martin, QC, Mr Commissioner John Mitchell, OC. and Mr Commissioner Dennis Rice were among those present.

Greater Manchester

Lieutenancy Colonel John Timmins, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and the Deputy Lieutenants held a dinner last night at the Masonic Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester. The Chairman of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and Mrs John Battye were their

Air Force Board Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner given by the Air Force Board Standing Com-mittee, Air Marshals and their adies last night at RAF Bentley Priory, to mark the retirement of the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Revill-Davies, Captain Tim Poster.

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Willis.

Mr Francis Baden-Powell, Chairman of the Council of Gresham College, was the host at a dinmer held last night at Mercers' Hall to mark the 400th anniversary of the

The London Metal Exchange The annual dinner of the London Metal Exchange was held last night at Grosvenor House, Lord Bagri, Chairman of the Exchange, presided and the guest speaker was Howard Davies, Chairman of The Securities and Investments

Forthcoming marriages

Mr.T. Clarkson and Miss K.L. Horsley The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Clarkson, of Sydney. Australia, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Harsley, of Inchenar,

and Miss L.I. Anderson
The engagement is announced
between David, younger son of the
late Mr and Mrs Leslie Cranfield. of Wells, Somerset, and Lucy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Tom Anderson, of Cambridge.

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The engagement is amounced
between Ivan, eldest son of
Ambassador and Señora Vicente
Especific Gil. of Buenos Aires,
and Philippa, second daughter,
of Mr and Mrs Peter Grace, of
Sumingdale, Berkshire.

Dr Q.S.M. Haque and Dr A.C.P. Granger The engagement is announced between Quazi, son of Dr and Mrs Quazi. Mohafuzal Haque of Liverpool, and Annabel; younger daughter of Dr and Mrs John Granger, of Bournemouth.

Mr D.V. Hunt
and Miss V.J. Ellingworth
The engagement is armounced
between Douglas, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs Peregrine Hunt, of
Stratford St Andrew, Suffolk, and
Victoria, younger daughter of
Mr and Mrs William Ellingworth,
of Laughton, Leicestershire. Mr D.V. Hunt

Mr A.J.H. Lownie and Miss A.C. Doyle The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of His Honour and Mrs Ralph Lownie, of Orford, Kern, and Angela, younger daughter of Major Peter Doyle and Mrs Peter Roupell, of

Herefordshire. Mr R.D. McCartney and Miss J.A. Cumia The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Fergus McCartney, of Thika, Kenya, and Julia, daughter of Major and Mrs. Michael Cunniam, of Tidworth, Wilishire.

Dr M.S. Peckham and Miss M. Dasgupta
The engagement is amnounced between Mark sod of Mr and Mrs Clifford Peckham, of Portling, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Mitali, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ashish Dasgupta, of Cambridge. The marriage will take place on April II, 1998.

Mr C.P. Stoner and Miss K.J. Holland

Dr M.S. Peckham

The engagement is announced between Christopher Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Stoner, of Steyning, West Sussex, and Katharine Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Wiffred Holland, of Youlgrave Derbyshire.

Mr W.A.E. Wallis

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs William Wallis, of Long Sutton, Hampshire, and Melissa, elder daughner of Mr and Mrs Anthony Appleton, of High Legh, Cheshire.

Mr J.P. Waring and Miss A. Postard

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Professor Alan Waring and the late Mrs Patricia Waring, of Southampton, Hampshire, formerly of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, and Andrea. daughter of Mr Gerard Pussard, of Yelling, Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Gail Pussard, of Chandlers Ford, Harnoshire.

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English-Speaking Union Lord Menuhin, OM, was the speaker at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dammouth House. Mr Edward Greenfield and Mrs Ursula Vaughan-Williams also

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GODFREY - 5th October 1997 at Wrenham Master Hospital to Mandy and Robert, a daughter, Eliner Howard.

JAMES - On 18th September in Edinburgh, to Sarah and Christopher, a daughter, Fenella Margaret Guinrie. MACHIM - On 5th Octobe to Candida (nee and Robert, a

REEVES - On October 7th at The Chelses and Westminster Hospital, to Karen (née Young) and Stephen, a beautiful son.

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LTBOK - On October 2nd after a long fibress Littlen, widow of the late Enlph Altson of Chelsea and Attson of Chelses and formerly of the Bubber Research Institute, Kusia Lumpur. Funsani at Goldens Greea. Crematorium on October 17th at 2.15 pm. No However ulease.

mittop - Fred, C.B.E., aged 87 years died pencefully on 6th October 1997. Formerly Commissioner of Constons & Excise, Best Africa. Beloved father of Hogh, Bunes, Anna and Bobert and devoted Merevals Church, Atherstone 21.30 sm on Friday 10th October 1997. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Bildston Parish Church c/c

CARRY - Hewest Clive. At home at Eadway on September 30th. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Radway, on Friday October 10th at 12.30pm. Flowers, or donations to St Peter's Church.

CLARICE - Margaret Christina of La Palma, Canary Islands, on October 2nd 1977 after a short Uhoes, Requiem Messe at St Adan's R.C. Church, Little Chalitont, on Mondey October 13th at 12.30 pm, followed by interment at Stanley Bill Cemetery, Ameraham, Family flowers

CROME - Peggy (LPM) on 4th October 1997, widow of Frank, dear mother of Shaon and Caroline and loving grandmother of Alexander and Eleanor. Funeral at 2.30pm on Tuesday 74th October at Christchurch, Cheises, Flowers of Cheises Funeral Directors, 260b Fullem Road, 8W10.

GRESORY - CD. (Disc) on 6th October, aged 93. Much loved father of Robert and Mike Francal at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, 2.20pm 14th October. Flowers or denations to The Reitish Lung Foundation o'b Phillips, Harpenden ALS 4EE (01562) 461100.

DOWNES - Colonel John Aifred, M.R.R. M.C., into 4th Hussars. Peacefully on Priday, 3rd October 1997. Beloved husband of Patricia Priday, 3rd October 1997.
Beloved husband of Patricia, adored father of Gongle and grandfather of Ben and Clara. Funeral private.
Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday 22nd October at the Parish Church of St Many and St Andrew, Whitlesford at 3 pin. Posations for Mode Carle Cancer Care may be sent of Elifa Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

Mil. - Ereiya Shelis MBE at Wickham Court Nursing Home on 3rd October. Beloved wife of Reginald (deceased), much loved sister of Kanneth and Patricia Theless works for the Partilamentary Liberal. Party. Esquiem Mass at St Mark's 2.C. Church, West Wickhum, Kent at 11.15 on Friday 10th October and afterwards at Beckenham Cressatorium 12.30, Pamily Howers only, Donations to St

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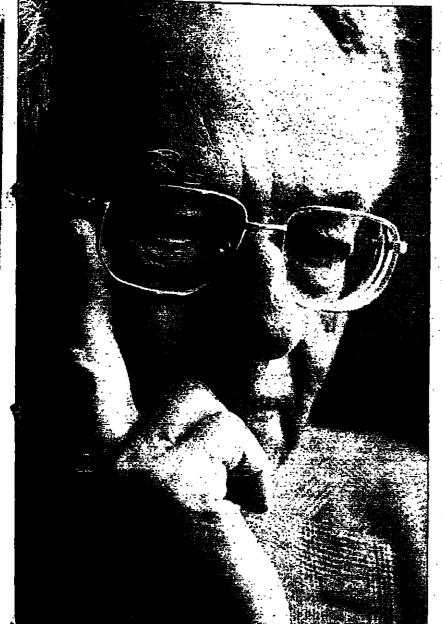
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GEORGE URBAN

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George Urban, former Director of Radio Free Europe and Director of the Centre for Policy Studies, died on October 3 aged 76. He was born on April 12, 1921.

ungarian by birth, George Urban became one of the leading organisers in the West of the democratic front against communism during the Cold War. In his work for the BBC World Service and for Radio Free Europe, and in his many interviews, seminars and books, he uncovered the true workings of communism, and looked forward to a post-communist world. He was a great admirer of Margaret Thatcher, and one of her advisers on international relations as communism crumbled, but he famously fell out with her over her attitude to Germany.

Born in Miskolz, near Budapest, Urban

belonged to the generation of brilliant East European intellectuals who emigrated at the end of the war, realising that there was no future for them under communism. He had studied at Budapest University, and in 1948 was accepted by London University to work for a doctorate on German poetry and language. Simultaneously, he joined the BBC as a broadcaster in the Hungarian section of the European Service. Here he gained experience in a kind of serious and committed journalism that he was to take to new heights in his broadcast conversations and printed question-and-answer interviews with many of the leading commentators on the Cold War.

In 1957. Urban published The Nineteen Days, an account of the Hungarian uprising that had begun the previous October. It was acclaimed for its description of life under communism. He was later to write studies of Stalinism and Maoism.

Urban left the BBC after a fierce policy disagreement over Cyprus, and moved to Munich as a senior researcher at Radio Free Europe, the American-funded broadcaster which acted as a surrogate for a free press behind the Iron Curtain. As he later wrote, "the complicated process of speaking to twenty nations (in as many

languages), each with its proud traditions and aspirations, was strewn with natural pitfalls", but he managed to hold in check the sometimes squabbling groups of émigres from different countries, and promoted a learned and humane approach. As well as colleagues from London of the calibre of Michael Oakeshott, he invited contributions from intellectuals across the Continent, and Radio Free Europe became a kind of East European university of the air. He was a mild-mannered, courteous and scholarly man, and he extended his personal style of concise understatement to the radio broadcasts for which he was responsible. They spoke louder than any amount of propaganda.

Particularly memorable were his broadcast conversations, and as his reputation increased he began contributing 10,000-word interviews to Melvin Lasky's Encounter. These pieces, about figures such as Raymond Aron, Arnold Toynbee and Arthur Koestler, benefited from Urban's own immense knowledge, the depth of his research into the subjects, and his genuine probing for the truth. with all its complications. The interviews were the not result of single meetings, but were meetings - and mappings - of minds. Questions would be followed up as they were drafted and revised to the satisfaction of both parties.

He also joined the Congress for Cultural Freedom in Geneva, running a series of European seminars on the subject of European unity, in which he was a passionate believer.

However, after 1967 it was revealed that all three of these organisations - Radio Free Europe, the Congress for Cultural Freedom and Encounter - were being funded by the CIA. After the uproar during which Stephen Spender resigned from Encounter — the funding petered out, and Urban found himself out of a job.

in 1968 he moved to Los Angeles, as a senior research associate of the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Southern California. Here, with Roger Swearingen, he founded the journal Studies in Comparative Communism to give a detailed picture of national differences and the workings of the various regimes. This work, however, was ahead of its time, and ran up against early forms of political correctness. Although he was later to be a visiting fellow at Indiana University and a research fellow at Harvard, Urban's stay in California lasted only two years, before he returned to England as a writer, broadcaster and adviser. He proceeded to organise many seminars, attracting a

wide spectrum of distinguished thinkers. Urban's interviews resulted in several books, including Can We Survive Our Future? (1972, with Michael Glenny), a symposium about the state of the planet. and Détente (1976), a series of discussions about East-West relations with experts such as Leopold Labedz, Sir William Hayter and Dean Rusk.

From 1983 to his retirement in 1986, Urban was in Munich as the Director of Radio Free Europe, bringing fresh impetus to "the unmasking of communism". He used to tell the tale of a visit to Hungary at the end of the communist era when he asked a taxi driver if he knew the address of a certain dissident priest. The taxi driver stopped at a phone box and suggested calling Radio Free Europe, saying that it could always be relied on for such information.

During the Reagan-Thatcher era, Urban was part of the inner circle of foreign policy advisers. He was a director of the Centre for Policy Studies and on the board of the Centre for Research into Communist Economies and the advisory council of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies. In 1983, The Times ran three extensive extracts from his Encounter conversation with Jeane Kirkpatrick, President Reagan's hawkish Ambassador to the United Nations. The surprise was that the gentlemanly scholar was more hawkish than the Republican politician, urging that America need not make concessions to the Soviet Union, but could more openly support dissident

In 1987, as perestroika was beginning Urban told the Centre for Policy Studies that the West's demands on Gorbachev should begin with withdrawal from Afghanistan, an end to Soviet interference

ANDREW KEIR

in South America, and withdrawal of troops and military bases from Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Given Urban's influ ence at the time, all this gave notice that the Cold War would end not with a compromise, but with a victory over what

Reagan was later to call "the evil empire". The following year, some of Urban's interviews were collected in the prescient volume Can the Soviet System Survive Reform? The thesis was that it could not Urban himself argued that Gorbachev's wish to transform the communist "glacis" without breaking the socialist ice was impractical, and that either hardline dogma would triumph or communism

But some of Urban's own hopes, too, were to prove illusory. In March 1990, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Margaret Thatcher attended a meeting at Chequers with Douglas Hurd, Lord Dacre of Glanton, Norman Stone, Timothy Garton Ash and others to discuss German reunification. She surprised and appalled most of those present by her opposition to German reunification and her resistance to the great European project that was going inexorably forwards. Her views about Europe, Urban later wrote, were not very different "from the Alf Garnett version of history". Margaret Thatcher had spent years being cajoled and bullied into accepting Helmut Kohl's ideas about the future of the European Union and her patience was at an end; but Urban could not see that the flaws in the European Union were becoming crevasses, down one of which the Prime Minister was

shortly to disappear. After his 70th birthday, Urban withdrew from many of his activities to write his book Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher, which was serialised in The Times last year, and his memoirs, Radio Free Europe and the Pursuit of Democracy, which Yale University Press is to publish next February.

George Urban was twice married, first, and briefly, in Hungary during the war to Ika, and secondly in London in 1957 to Patricia. He is survived by his second wife, their son and daughter, and a son from his first marriage.

PHILIP TURNER

Philip Turner, artist, died on September 29. aged 79. He was born on July 2, 1918.

BEST-KNOWN as a sculptor working in bronze, Philip Turner was also accomplished in other media, which he taught in art schools until his retirement at 65. He worked in wood and stone, and paint-

Brought up in Sussex and Wiltshire, Turner was educated at Marlhorough College. where he took up art because. as he said. "If you went out sketching, you were allowed to miss school sports". Moving to London, he studied at St Martin's and the Slade School, and in the studio of the sculptor Leon Underwood.

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In 1940, Turner enlisted in the Berkshires and was sent to the Mediterranean, where he was twice wounded. He went on to fight in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Greece; never seeking a commission, he was content as a sergeant. During the fighting in Sicily, he was asked to design a battlefield memorial to the dead of The Parachute Regiment. It stands beside the main road north of Syracuse. In 1946 he returned to the

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University. He then taught part-time at art schools in Parnham, Willesden, Ealing and Harrow. Sculpture was his particular love. Finding the cost of the lost-wax pro-

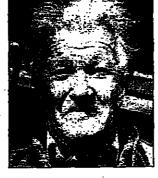
cess of casting metal and the foundry fees prohibitive, he began experimenting for extraordinary transformation of traditional forms into fluid, ascending or windswept lines and broken, eroded panels of metal gives [his work] a disturbing individuality".

Eric Newton wrote of one figure that it looked "as though it had suddenly sat down and become paper-thin bronze as it did so, and that Philip Turner had caught it in the act as surely as Degas could catch a ballet girl's pirouette".

In 1957, Turner married the travel writer Elisabeth de Stroumillo, with whom he was to have three daughters. After a honeymoon in Greece, they returned to rent rooms for nearly a year in a village in the Pelopounese. They continued to travel frequently. though they made their home

Slade and gained an art in Chelsea. At the time the teacher's diploma at London area was known as the artists' area was known as the artists' quarter of London, and Turner fitted in happily with its amiable bohemianism.

The couple bought a condemned stable yard, where Turner began to build his own studio house. He had picked up some knowledge of building from technical colleges himself. The results were his and from friendly artisans. Art Review declared that his materials from skips, or from



buildings being demolished. He also used driftwood from the Thames. After two years, the place was habitable; later a third storey was added, and lifesize polyester-resin figures were perched on its roof. But that time all of the

neighbouring Victorian streets had been demolished, to be replaced by looming red-brick towers.

Combining his own work with teaching, Turner showed his work in many exhibitions in London, the provinces and abroad. But genial as he was, Turner reacted strongly against what he described as "flatulent", high-flown critiartists themselves, so he quarrelled with a number of people who might have been useful to

His commissions included a Virgin and Child for the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Primrose Hill, London, and a bronze altar-front and lifesize stone figure of St Ethelred for Ely Cathedral. At the opposite ends of his range, he made jewellery and roughcast stucco busts for the garden with hollow heads that could be planted with flowers. After his retirement from

teaching, he spent more time in a much-changed Chelsea, where his tall figure was familiar on his bicycle, at the Chelsea Arts Club and at the Stephen Bartley Gallery, where he exhibited. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

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Andrew Keir, actor, died in hospital in London on October 5

aged 71. He was born in Shotts, Lanarkshire, on April 3, 1926.

ALTHOUGH he had a career of considerable range and undeniable distinction on the stage, in films and on television, Andrew Keir remains, mind for his rendering of Professor Quatermass in the Hammer science fiction film Quatermass and the Pit (1967). This had much to do with the thoughtfulness he brought to the role in what was an unusually thoughtful film. Hammer, in its heyday, was not generally associated with such brain-teasing matter.

Indeed, many critics felt that the author Nigel Neale had produced a concept that was almost too complex to be assimilated by the average cinema audience at a single sitting. The film was in fact a version of an earlier (1958-59) and immensely successful BBC television series which had been able to develop its curious theme - the skeletons of a race of insect-like extraterrestrial visitants are discovered in their long-buried spaceship in the London Underground - over the much greater time-span afforded by

its six episodes. Be that as it may. Keir was ideal as the professor who has to fight the obtuseness of the Army (who naturally want to start by blowing up the spaceship and its dead occupants) to enable him to plumb the mysterious secrets of the human race's distant past. With Rob Roy (1995). in which he played the Duke of Argyll, it remained his favourite film

Andrew Keir was born one of a family of six boys and a girl in the Lanarkshire coalmining belt midway between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and left school at 14 to go down the pit (his sister went into service). His stage career began in an amateur dramatics production at the Miners' Welfare



Andrew Keir, left, and James Donald, with alien visitant in the film Quatermass and the Pit, 1967

Hall. He had gone to meet a friend there and one of the cast had failed to turn up. Keir was roped in to read the part and thereafter played in most of the miners' club productions.

The club competed in the finals of the amateur festival at Inverness, then regarded as being a showcase for Scottish drama, and was placed second by Tyrone Guthrie. Keir's own performance was noted and he was offered a job as a professional actor by the Unity Theatre in Glasgow.

The war was on and mining was a reserved occupation from which it was not easy to obtain release. Fortunately, a friendly doctor diagnosed pneumoconiosis and obtained him immediate release from

Before six months at the Unity had elapsed Keir's work there came to the attention of Guthrie who invited him to join the company at the Glasgow Citizens Theatre. Keir was ever afterwards to acknowledge his debt to the Citizens and to Guthrie. "Citizens was my training ground. We did a different play every three weeks and we did every-thing. You name it, we did it." And of Guthrie: "He inspired the team spirit on the stage. If another actor was carrying the scene and the audience was with the actor, you gave them the ball and let them run with it. When it was their turn they did the same for you. It made

me a team player." Keir made his screen debut with a small role in The Lady Craves Excitement (1950) but had more to get his teeth into in 1952 with The Brave Don't Cry, which starred John Gregson in an admirably well-done, low-budget picture

about the rescue of a hundred pitmen from a Scottish mine disaster. Based on the Knockshinnock disaster of 1936, this was material highly congenial to Reid. In the role as one of the rescued miners he had the script's famous last line; sterning but of the lift after being broug!.. to the surface he asked what had won the 3.30.

films ranging from the Ealing comedy The Maggie (1953) to the big budget sinking-of-the-Titanic drama A Night to Remember (1958), Keir embarked on what might be called the Hammer Horror phase of his career. This involved him in Pirates of Blood River (1961), a blood and thunder adventure in which he played alongside Christopher Lee Dracula, Prince of Darkness (1966) — again, Lee installed as the bloodthirsty count: Quatermass and the Pit: and Blood from the Mummy's Tomb (1971).

But he also had roles in a

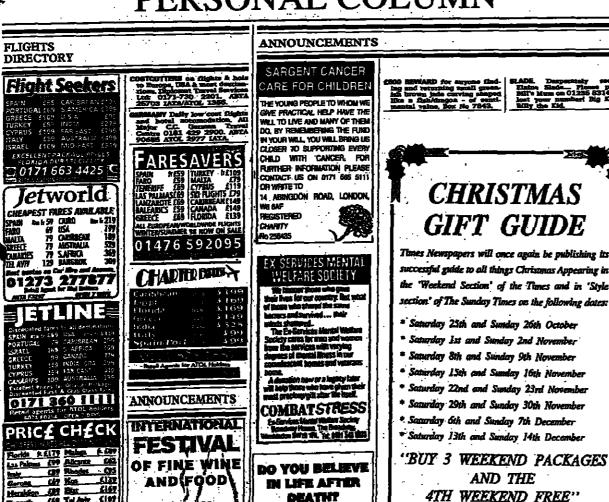
number of other films such as The Royal Hunt of the Sun 1969) and The Thirty-Nine Steps (1978). Rob Roy was his last picture.
But the stage was not com-

pletely forgotten. He played Thomas Cromwell in the inaugural production of Robert Bolt's A Man for All Seasons in the West End of London in 1960 and was a trade union leader in Lionel Bart's Maggie May (1964). In Dublin he played Dag Hammarskjöld in Conor Cruise O'Brien's Murderous Angels (1971) about the shooting down of the UN Secretary General's aircaft.

He was also busy in television. Ivanhoe, Kidnapped and Macbeth were among the many classic adaptations in which he featured, and Taggart and Dr Finlay's Casebook were characteristic series in which he found roles.

He married in 1948 Julia Wallace, by whom he had three daughters and two sons. This marriage was dissolved in 1977 in which year he married Joyce Parker Scott. She and the children of his first marriage survive him.

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THE MOMENT I KNEW THAT SADAT TRUSTED ME

By Shimon Peres

Leader of the Israeli opposition Labour Party When Dr Henry Kissenger told us, after having met President Sadat for the first time. that he was an impressive person, a rather handsome man with considerable charm, we raised our eyebrows. That was not what we gathered from his pictures and how we saw his image. We thought of him as a cold man. a remote and distant person and rather capricious. Later, when we met for the first time, face to face, I was immediately conquered by his strange charm - a very unusual one - and by his capacity for winning your attention and your trust ... I believe I gained his confidence as a result of his unique way in judging people. When we met for the first time for a very long conversation, Sadat started it by proposing "Ler's speak freely and with complete candour and entirely off the record. Nothing will be revealed by me and I believe that nothing will be revealed by you".

I responded immediately by saying "Anwar, you are wrong, It is my duty to warn you that in spite of the fact that I am the leader

ON THIS DAY

October 8, 1981

Mohammad Anwar El-Sadat (1918-81), assassinated on the 6th by Muslim extremists, had been President of Egypt since 1970. In 1977 he paid a momentous visit to Israel and in 1978 at Camp David signed a peace accord with Men-achem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel. The two were awarded the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize

of the Opposition, you must take into consideration that every word you may tell me I will repeat to Menachem Begin". He looked surprised by my reaction but ended by saying:
"Bravo, Shimon — now I know that I can talk
to you with full confidence".

During this conversation which took place

three years ago he said his designated successor was Hosni Mubarak, saying: "He is a good man and a sincere one. I keep him fully rmed so that when necessary he should be able to continue the policies I have initiated. I consider him a stable person though I do not yet know how he will confront the Arab public

opinion when he will feel that the peace process will have to pass through stormy weather." Wisdom weighed for him more than luck. In the early seventies, immediately after gaining power he adhered to the strategy of war against Israel. This strategy reached its summit in October 1973. Afterwards he selected an entirely different course - the strategy of peace which reached its peak when he made his historic trip to Jerusalem, in September 1977. One must emphasize that his great courage was revealed not only by his voyage to Jerusalem but by his pertinent struggle during the following four years to make peace into a new reality in face of protests, doubt and opposition.

For us, as Israelis, it is hard to forgive the surprise attack he started upon us on the Day of Atonement, but the truth is that a decision to attack us could have been taken by any Egyptian leader preceding Sadat, as it in fact happened when even King Farouk decided to attack us. Yet one can hardly imagine any predecessor of Sadat, in Egypt, or any other contemporary Arab leader in the Middle East, who could have taken a decision for peace. This was a decision of rare bravery, speaking historically and not just personally. Without him, I do not believe that Egypt would have made peace with Israel.

Leaving Best for better

Would you give up an editorship and £60,000 a year for marriage? Julie Akhurst has, says Carol Midgley

ulie Akhurst, Editor of the women's weekly Best, has surprised colleagues by quitting to get married, declared the UK Press Gazette on its front page this week. In truth the reactions of some of those colleagues, says Ms Akhurst, was closer to shock and outright

Why on earth, they wondered, would someone bother to beat off fierce competition, secure the coveted editorship of a national magazine and an estimated £60,000 salary, only to give it all up to become a wife and mother? More astonishingly, she was leaving London to move in with her boyfriend. Steve Brown, in Bradford.

Such earth-shattering life decisions have a habit of making front-page news these days. Last month America went into a reverie when Brenda Barnes, the 43-year-old president and chief executive of PensiCo North America, surrendered her El million salary plus bonuses and announced she was quitting to spend more time with the children. In 1995 Penny Hughes caused similar upset when she relinquished her position as president of Coca-Cola. Great Britain and Ireland, and a few months later Linda Kelsey left as Editor of She magazine to spend more

time with her son. Quitting while she was at the top, however, appears to have been part of Julie Akhurst's life-plan all along, despite being a graduate of St Hilda's, Oxford, and pursuing a rapid route to the top in magazines. She began her career as a secretary in a publishing company, moving to Reader's Digest as commissioning editor. She then became features editor on Bauer's Take A Break and was later headhunted by Attic Futura to launch That's Life in Australia, where she stayed for two

"I had always decided that I would give being editor two years at Best and then think about moving up with Steve," she says. "Then I thought, who is imposing this deadline? Me. I have done 1912 months, so what is stopping me from going now apart from myself? Life is too short.

"Having children has always been very important to me, and I don't want to raise kids in London.



Julie Akhurst. "I wanted to be a magazine editor and now I have done it"

"People have reacted in different ways, but mainly with shock. The most common reaction I have heard is 'How can you give up all this? Which seems to imply that the kind of life I want has little or no value. That choosing to be a mother is not what you do if you are clever. But I have always known that

this is what I would do." At 33, Ms Akhurst has decided that she has had enough of struggling to work through the London traffic each day from her flat in Crouch End and the strain of sustaining a long-distance relationship

It must also be pointed out that now is a particularly gruelling time for the women's magazine market in generalwith more titles creeping into the

over women's. Best, which Ms Akimust took upmarket, was averaging weekly sales of 551,000 in the first half of 1996. In the first half of 1997 that average had fallen to 512,000.

She concedes the job was hard: "It is very difficult in the women's weekly magazine market at the moment. You are constantly struggling to hold the Like increasing numbers of women.

Ms Akhurst did not want to get into the cycle of working long hours, having a nanny and rarely seeing her children. "Officially it's 10 until 6, but you find yourself coming in at 8.30 and working straight through to 7.30pm without a lunchbreak. I am not saying that's particularly bad, but you couldn't do that with children. Well, I wouldn't

he met her fiance, 36, who runs part of a builders' merchant business in Bradford, two years ago and they will marry next year. He offered to try to find work in Landon if she wanted to stay in her job but for Julie, there was no dilemma. "I love London — I have lived here on and off since I was 22 — but it is time to move on," she says.

want to anyway."

"It has been very difficult conducting a long-distance relationship. Each weekend either I will go up to Bradford to see him or he will come down to London to see me. We tend to stay over Sunday nights so, because he starts work at 8am, Steve has to get up at 3am to drive back up to Yorkshire. If I am in Bradford I will get the early train and go straight into work. After a while that

starts to grind you down. "I wanted to be an editor of a magazine and now I have done it so I can happily put it to one side and say I have got that out of my system. I don't have a feeling of under-achievement because I have done it and no one can ever take that away

"People might think I will get bored but, without wanting to sound smug, I think you can choose whether you are going to be bored at home or not. My mother always had a very imaginative attitude to it. She loved bringing us up and I hope I can be like that as well. I think that freelancing is a good halfway house.

"At work a couple of people have said they agree with me and a couple have even come up and said I think you are really lucky.

"I don't think a career alone can totally fulfil you. It is like going towards the rainbow and when you get there the rainbow's not there any more.

People who already have children might think I am idealising it and I might be, but we will have to see. Time will tell." The BBC is 75 next week. Happy returns?

Awkward questions on Auntie's birthday

RAYMOND

old on to your hats. Everyone who BBC, and by implication the public service switches on their television set or method of paying for their radio over the next few weeks is likely to face a gale of nostalgia and self-congratulation. The BBC will be 75 next k and the anniversary will be very difficult to avoid.

There will be special programmes on every BBC outlet, from The Story of Pop-Radio and A Tribute to The BBC Dance Orchestra on Radio 2 to Radio Memories and Auntie Through the Looking Glass on Radio 4. There is even a special edition of the longest-running programme in the history of broadcasting, The Daily Service

Television offers no escape, either. Therewill be a history of broadcasting on Blue Peter, a special edition of One Foot in the Past devoted to Broadcasting House, and Auntie - The Inside Story, a four-part on the BBC and destroy the remnants of warts and all account of the

corporation and the personalities who have made it what it is. The BBC promises that the series "does not avoid the controversies which have kept the BBC in the headlines", although in the interests of making history rather than current affairs, it stops diplomatically at 1987.

The BBC has indeed much to celebrate as an institution, and is ing it rather freely in the intensely mpetitive modern world of

broadcasting where ratings usually rule.
Only one thing seems to be missing among the welter of Maffin the Mule tamps, free nostalgia postcards, free BBC CD-Roms for schools and great moments of BBC sound for those interested in buying the double CD. There is little sense of any debate about the present or future of the BBC, any questioning of how the place is run, or how it could be made more efficient or more responsive to the British public. Certainly no one is asking hard questions about how long a compulsory universal licence fee can continue to exist in a 200channel world when the BBC is trying to make some more money on the side by launching new subscription channels

The BBC is, however, linking the backslapping of its anniversary celebrations with a series of promotional films — advertisements in all but name — for the licence fee. One long advertorial, Perfect Day, featur-

ing a succession of distinguished singers putting together the song of that name in snarches, has already appeared. Much more is on the way. Everyone from Mikhail Gorbachev and Shimon Peres to the Dalai Lama, Scamus Heariey and Jack Charlton has been corraffed to take part in short films endorsing the public service values of the

It all seems very odd: like politicians running for office even though election day is years away. It might have the undesired side effect of exciting advertisers by demonstrating, yet again, just how effective the BBC could be as an advertising medium.

In fact, the argument for retention of the licence, despite the rough justice of what amounts to a regressive poll tax, is a very strong one. Of course the BBC would survive and possibly Hourish if the licence fee was abolished and replaced by voluntary subscription, but the corporation would no longer be a national banadeaster and it is very unlikely that it could afford to be a patron of the arts

It would be even easier to put advertising lic service and diversity in the

ITV schedule The BBC's importance as an institution is not in question: Its summers ought to be. Some form of public and to fits performance is required that goes far beyond simplistic comparisons of proame costs per hour.

It is a task that could, at least in principle, be performed by the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, suggested that to make the BBC more accountable. the BBC Chairman, Sir Christopher Bland: should appear before the committee once a

year to discuss the corporation's affairs. It is an invitation Sir Christopher has taken up.
Many interesting questions could be
asked. Why, for instance, are there some 160
expensive people in policy and strategic
adviser functions dotted ground the corporation? Why, if snything like such a concentration of brainpower is being paid for by licence payers is it necessary to have expensive external consultants in almost permanent residence in the corporation?

s it wise to be cotting programme budgets by 30 per cent over the next five years so that up to El billion can be spent on all things digital over the same period, when it could be ten years before most licence payers have digital viewing

There are many more questions that should be asked of the BBC. But if the select committee were to get answers to those few. r would be progress — and we could all get back to enjoying Tony Robinson tracing the relationship between God and the BBC in his history of religious broadcasting, and the BBC's "tandmarks of laughter" in Muir and Norden's Funny Old Auntie.

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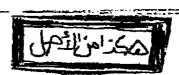
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MEDIA STUDIES is one of the fastestgrowing disciplines in higher education. This week nearly 700 eager students are starting a media degree, hopeful that it will secure a job in television or the press. But do too many of them see the course as an easy way in? Do too many leave feeling that they are better qualified than they really are? And do employers prefer to train their staff from scratch? More importantly, are colleges raising false hopes by offering ever more media places when the jobs are not there? Henry Bonsu and Sandy Parker consider the facts

Make contacts, get discovered

about running a media course," said a friend the other day, "is preparing all those young people for jobs that don't exist." I expressed some sympathy - there is no satisfaction in providing qualifications that have little value but I have more sympathy for those on the media-studies production line, who often find their way to my door.

Usually the callers are young, black and female, and their opening words are: "Hi. I was told I should contact you if I want to get into the media." I have never edited a pro-

ramme, but I am approached ike this about once a month by individuals hooked on the promise of flexible hours in a creative" field. Armed with industry-accredited qualifications, they are prepared to enter the market at any level. believing that within a year or two they'll be a regular onscreen presence on national

Some callers have masked their true intention, claiming to be interested in news journalism, but finally admitting neither to listening to Radio 4. nor regularly reading a broadsheet newspaper.

One young man recently rang asking for help in getting into "news and current affairs". During the conversation he confessed that he really wanted to be a youth and entertainment presenter. "I'm into media in general. Once I get in. I can work out what to do next." he explained.

I try to tackle such hazv ambition by explaining that it pays to narrow down one's. interest, research the job in question, and write to a named producer with whose programme you are familiar.

It is also surprising how many young people, who harbour desires to work on news programmes, are unaware how deep a loathing many editors have of media studies degrees. I have often heard them say they would prefer a graduate in politics or history. who has done a postgraduate media course from somewhere like City University.

Without industry contacts, getting as far as writing in for work experience is beyond many applicants. All too often they pin their hopes on raineeships such as the ghly competitive, in-house BBC news trainee schemes. without a hope of getting in. The ethnic minority courses. established by the BBC and some ITV companies for black

and Asian students to counter-

act discrimination in recruitment, are also inundated with

which matches black teenagers who want careers in the media with black members of staff. Mentors and mentees have regular meetings over a nine month period, and the students are found in-house

immeasurably from the per-sonal contacts they establish. yet even for those who did not progress, it gave them an idea of what working in television

I recall one young man, des-perate to be taken out filming, who found it so boring he fell asleep in front of a learned QC. Others had clearly joined the course because they weren't sure what else to do.

_Vagueness is possibly the most serious handicap of all Because most jobs in the media, unlike surgery or law, can be handled by most people, the industry attracts those who have few burning passions but think they can do the job better than those they have seen on television.

Thankfully, steps are being taken to address this. Last week I attended a careers form students. Television. radio and film producers promised a potentially satisfying career if only applicants could target the area they were genuinely interested in. The mantra of the evening was: make contacts, find work experience, have ideas, get discov-

One danger of getting in by any means necessary, however, is that you may stay in a junior position for years. A former BBC colleague has realised this. She recently walked out of a coveted staff post after many years. She found her working day so unbearable that by the end she could hardly bring herself to walk into Broadcasting House. Her job title, "productron assistant", may have sounded impressive — and she did meet the odd politician — but in reality it amounted to ten hours of booking studios and radio cars, answering the queries of irate freelancers, and showing editors how the photocopier worked. She was attracted to the media because she thought she was creative.

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A lot of universities jumped on the bandwagon when they saw how popular media studies courses were becoming

Courses are no 'open sesames'

t is easy to see why media studies is so popular with students. It has an attraction and an immediacy with which "heavier" academic subjects cannot compete. Universities and colleges have responded by providing more graduate places and churning out media wannabes at an increasing rate. But once qualified, where do they all go?

Dencan Adams, who graduated two years ago from Bournemouth University. is now a press officer for Sussex Police. He claims that the marketplace is swamped with media graduates. "It was such a fight for jobs when I got out," he says, "and in some cases having a media degree was a disadvantage. For one lowpaid, quite menial job there were 780 applicants." Two years on he thinks that only about half the students of his year have found media-related jobs: one works on EastEnders, another does promotional work for BBC videos.

Yet Bournemouth University offers some of the most established media courses. "A lot of universities jumped on the bandwagon when they saw how popular the subject was," says Paul Imman, course leader for the television and video production degree at Bournemouth. "We never said we offered specialist technical degrees. We aim to produce all-rounders."

Part of the trouble is that many students who take media degrees see them as an easy way into professions

such as journalism — which is not what they are intended to be. Shy teenage girls are particularly vulnerable to such notions. They say they want to work in newspapers, but are unlikely to be accepted on to a regional newspaper training scheme where a strong person-ality is as important as A-level results. They think that what they can learn in the classroom will make up for their lack of

confidence: it does not work like that. Then there are the overconfident graduates who think they know it all. Students talk about going to television companies on work experience and being told to unlearn everything they had picked up at university. The technology changes so quickly and the skills re-quired are so specialised that companies prefer to train someone to suit their own

igel Henbest, director of the television production company Pioneer Productions, says that what his company looks for most in prospective employees is "hands-on" experience. It might be helpful to have a university education, but it would not really matter what the degree subject

Other employers look for someone who can offer them a specialism, such as a science degree, whom they can then train in media techniques.

To be fair, few academics claim that • The author is a lecturer in media studies

their courses are "open sesames" to a future in the media. They suggest that the problem is partly generational anyone older than their mid-40s will probably not have had the option of studying media, and there is a tendency among such professionals to be sniffy about media education.

There are signs, though, that the mood is changing. One consistent complaint has been that media studies courses are too wide-ranging, so the newer ones have become more specialised. The better educational institutions have always courted experts to give guest lectures or to run some of their courses. The liaison works both ways - prejudice will be broken down only if the industry knows what students are learning, and if teaching staff have the respect of the industry.

If you believe the optimism on campus, we are on the edge of a new technological age. The consequences of deregulation, the advent of digital television and Website publishing are just some of the areas that could open up whole new fields of employment requiring people with transferable, multimedia skills.

My advice is that anyone considering the university option should talk to recent graduates and ask the staff exactly what

they aim to prepare students for. SANDY PARKER

Raymond Snoddy on the resilience of well known brands in the face of 'own-label' price-cutting Brand-names bounce back



phan Buck: "optimal level for own-label is 50 per cent"

label supermarket brands and leading premium brands is about to enter a new phase. Dr Stephan Buck, an executive director of Taylor Nelson AGB, is a top-market researcher who believes that own-label brands may be about to hit their high-water mark, and that premium brands, despite the price

difference, may be bouncing back. With the help of detailed research from a 10,000-strong panel that logs electronically what groceries they buy every week, Or Buck believes that "leading premium brands continue to display great strength

The own-label market share has almost doubled in the past 20 years to take over 40 per cent of the packaged grocery market. But an analysis of 29 major product areas, for which data is available over 20 years, shows that in 19 of them the brand leader in the 1970s remains the brand leader in the 1990s.

Coca-Cola may have lost out in some supermarkets to the launch of own-label enias but overall, Dr Buck argues, Coca-Cola's market share has hardly diminished. The reason, he believes, is that top brands such as Coca-Cola have other outlets, such as small independent stores, garages and vending machines.

In the packaged detergent market many of the major multiples, led by Sainsbury's, had produced their own sub-

brands, such as Sainsbury's Novon, but the major manufacturers such as Procter & Gamble and Unilever still dominate their markets partly. Dr Buck notes, through television advertising.

Even in a market where price-cutting has been at its most intense - such as in baked beans — the premium products have not suffered the collapse in market share that many expected. "Even at the height of the price war, Heinz maintained its market share in value terms, and now that the worse excesses of the war are over, the Heinz share has reached its highest level for years." Dr Buck says.

The researcher, with his colleague Judith Passingham, believes that the growth of own-label products, which are liked and respected by consumers, was boosted by the major multiples winning market share from independent retailers, and major retailers increasing their share

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Sainsbury's. Sainsbury's own-label products have retained a share of around 56 per cent for a number of years.

The researchers note, however, that a comparison of two 12-week periods in 1997 against 1996 shows a decline of three percentage points in Sainsbury's ownlabel share from 56 per cent to 53 per cent.

"If Sainsbury's and other major retailers regard own-label shares at 55 per cent as being the optimal level, and if major multiples control 90 per cent of the packaged grocery market in the future, it suggests that own-label shares should find a ceiling at around 50 per cent of all packaged grocery expenditure," Dr Buck

argues.

The big supermarket chains also seem less inclined to get involved in price-cutting campaigns with own-label products which can harm retailers as much as premium-brand manufacturers. In fact, as own-label products look like reaching their peak, Dr Buck and Ms Passingham believe a new relationship could be

established between the protagonists. "Over the next few years the expansion of types of products and services sold at supermarkets, and, in the longer term, possible changes in the basic technology of shopping, could begin to create a new and less confrontational equilibrium between the retailers and their packaged goods suppliers," the researchers argue.



A smoking gun of a photograph

r's such a nice picture, especially for a Saturday morning. It features two of Britain's best-known models. Kate Moss and Jade Jagger. They are famous, beautiful, dressed in striking colours, their hair tied up in equally colourful buns made of fishnet, and at £500 each the dresses cost a lot more than the average working person's weekly wage. It's a photo-graph to dwell on. It could easily spark off a conversation over breaklast

There is only one problem. As this picture appeared on the front page of The Times two Saturdays ago (now suitably censored for Paper Round), both Moss and Jagger were smoking cigarenes and only one executive, a woman smoker, realised the potential danger involved in

publishing it.

The rest found no difficulty. It was the day of the Assisi disaster, but when the paper went to press there were no useable pictures showing the extent of the damage — and the verdict on the Giottos was that they were better used alongside the story inside where the earthquake was reported in detail. So Saturday editor Nicholas Wapshott opted for some Saturday fun two models enjoying a chat. a giggle and a fag as they relaxed at the end of London Fashion Week.

It is easy to mount a defence of the photograph, and only a few years ago it would have provoked no serious comment. Photographs show facts, however disturbing, and readers who see them can draw their own conclusions. One conclusion would be that young women still smoke, despite all the propaganda against smoking, and that it was a striking and colourful picture. Neither did The Times endorse their habit: it simply showed that it as one in which they indulged.

Another conclusion, however, would be that the two women were flagrantly abusing their positions as role should not even have taken the picture, that the picture editor should not have offered it for use - and that if he did the night editors should have spiked it. Our readers overwhelming-

ly endorsed the second conclusion, and the Editor received one of his angriest postbags for years. The photograph legitimised and glamorised a dangerous activity. It made smoking seem "cool", the "in" thing to do (that from a 14year-old). As role models, Moss and Jagger were likely to be imitated by other young



Kate and Jade: smokeles

girls, a complaint from several

parents. It was a photograph that would lead some younger readers into "disease and death", said one correspondent. "An unwilling photograph of secretive lovers is far more acceptable than the willing photograph of cigarettesmoking young ladies," wrote

another. The editors who selected the picture offended against no article of the Press Complaints Commission's code of practice. Yet unwittingly and innocently, by appearing to condone smoking (which is, it ought to be said, still a legal activity). they offended the sensitivities, the view of what newspapers should or should not publish. of many readers. As our postbag demonstrated, we live in politically correct times. Editors beware. America here

t The Times the lesson has gone home. Peter Stothard, the Editor, says he would think very carefully before using a picture of women smoking cigarettes with such prominence again. It would have to pass a very high hurdle of justification. So was he being politically correct? "Only to the extent that editors need to be reminded every so often that some photographs are potentially harmful. Ambassadors and city chairmen try to influence me: why shouldn't readers, too, when they have a good case to make?"

The offending picture was the subject of last Saturday's caption-a-picture competition. Among the entries were:

"I don't think smoking is any more dangerous than living near Sellafield, do you?" "I earn more doing these cigarette adverts than I do modelling.

... and the X-ray showed this huge shadow." Some readers clearly took the real message from the

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Hague slaps down Tory 'dinosaurs'

■ William Hague exerted his new authority over the Conservative Party by slapping down two Tory "dinosaurs" over controversial remarks at conference fringe meetings.

Hours after his endorsement as party leader, he demonstrated a determination to impose discipline by disowning Lord Tebbit for speaking against a multicultural society and criticising Alan Clark for saying that the only way to deal with the IRA was to kill 600 people in one night Pages 1, 8, 9

Human cells used to grow body parts

A method of growing body tissue, known as tissue engineering, will soon make it possible to produce an almost complete range of body spare parts for transplants. Scientists have already produced skin grafts, but are now using the method to grow bone, cartilage and ligament ...

Oxbridge anger

Attacking the Government's higher education spending review, Oxford's vice-chancellor said cutting support for the Oxford and Cambridge college system would "destroy their competitive position".....

Talks overshadowed

The first full-scale peace negotiations involving Unionists, nationalists, loyalists and republicans opened, overshadowed by the resignation of Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign MinisterPage 2

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British teenager Louise Woodward murdered a baby in a fit of rage while unhappy with her life as a nanny, an American juryPage 3

Saxon skeletons

An archaeologist removed the final traces of Suffolk soil from a Saxon warrior and warhorse who journeyed across the landscape 1,500 years ago..

Arts report

A report into the Arts Council of England and the Royal Opera House has cleared the two of an "inappropriate closeness", according to a summary released by ...Page 4 the Arts Council

Computer talk

The Princess Royal found an ally when she urged schools not to allow computers to dominate education - Bill Gates Page 5 tapes

Bagshot awaits

Prince Edward's plan to move in next door met a mixed response from those already living in Bagshot.

16-day siege

Separatist militiamen from all over America have rallied to the side of a 51-year-old widow who has beed barricaded inside a farmhouse for 16 days Page 10

Back to Earth .Back at Kennedy Space Centre after more than four months on board Mir, Michael Foale was unable to conceal the profound

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French strike

French rail workers mounted autumn's first big strike to bolster demands for a shorter working week before an employment conference that will present the Government with its toughest challenge so far Page 12

Russian plea

Red Cross officials called on Russia's new wealthy to help an estimated 31 million people living below the poverty line Page 12

White House attack The chairman of the Senate com-

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■ The Oueen had donned navy blue socks — looking suspiciously like British Airways-issue - when she entered the echoing vastness of the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad to view one of the many architectural masterpieces in the Pakistani city. Its main prayer hall can accommodate 10,000 people and her visit was slotted into a gap between prayers...



The Spice Girls in Granada to launch Spiceworld, sales of which may top 18 million. The album's UK release date is November 3

Economy: The headline rate of inflation rose in September, but the Government's target rate dipped slightly. Annual headline inflation reached 3.6 per cent from 3.5 in August. The underlying rate fell to 27 (28 in August)

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Blair's appearance in a popular radio soap opera was a brilliant coup by his image-makers — Cevodnya 🖰

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Other people's poems are like other people's dreams: almost always tedious and embarrassing ... Page 18 SIMON BARNES

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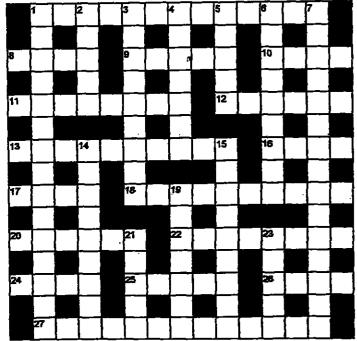
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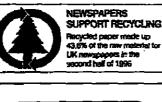
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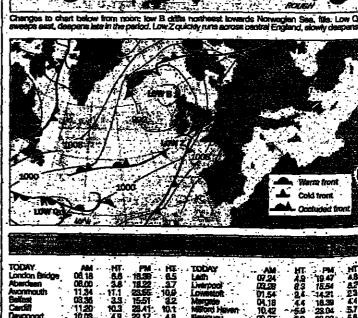
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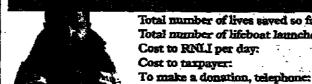
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Swift seeks to avoid railway battle

By Carl Mortished

JOHN SWIFT, the Rail Regulator, yesterday promised that plans to introduce competition on the railways in 1999 would not lead to a pitched battle between rival operators.

The Office of the Rail Regulator is publishing a consultation document. seeking views from the rail industry and consumers, on its plans to allow access to competing operators on routes where franchisees currently enjoy a monopoly. The plan is to allow rival train services access to network routes from April 1999, with full competition from 2002.

The changes would mean operators being invited to nominate routes on which they required pro-tection against competitors. while other routes would receive no protection. New entrants on protected routes would be allowed access to up to 20 per cent of

available revenu Mr Swift said that competition would bring pressure to introduce new products and services and to cut costs. "Passengers could reasonably expect to see the emergence of more attracove fare o frequencies of service on: popular routes and new direct services," he said. Mr Swift said his role

Commentary ...

was to ensure that competition developed in the public interest. He sought to quell fears that competition would lead to the predatory practices adopted by rival bus operators. which have led to repeated intervention by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. "Before relaxing the constaints on competition, I would need to be satisfied that adequate controls were available to prevent the emergence of 'rail wars'-type competition, and to ensure that network benefits were maintained," he said.

New train operators will be expected to adhere to the same licence conditions as existing franchised operators, provid-ing integrated ticketing and timetabling with the rest of the network.

An ORR spokesman said the finances of new train operators would be scrutinised. He said: "We would have to satisfy ourselves of the status of the operator. One of the duties of the regulator is to see what the financial impact of competition will be on the franchisee."

Mr Swift said the original decision to guard franchisees from competition was due to uncertainty in 1994 as to whether firms would bid for franchises facing free competition.



Sweet talk: Roger Paffard, left, Thorntons' chief executive, and Jonathan Fellows, finance director, celebrating yesterday's announcement of fatter profits

Inflation casts doubt on Labour spending plans

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A SURPRISE rise in the rate of inflation in September Wil increase costs to the social security budget next year and jeopardise the Government's spending plans, analysts said yesterday.

Headline inflation climbed from 3.5 per cent in August to 3.6 per cent — the highest level for two years. The September inflation figures are used by the Government to calculate annual increases in social security benefit levels, including state pensions and the

As a result, the total benefits

in 1998-99 - an estimated E500 million more than the anticipated. The Treasury conesterday that it would use cash from the £5 billion contingency reserve to help

make up the shortfall. But Chris Giles, programme co-ordinator at the Institute of Fiscal Studies, said that with nearly half of next year's fund already allocated in the July Budget for extra public spending, the Government will face a tough task sticking to its spending targets. The Government is in deep trouble with next year's contingency reserve," Mr Giles said. "There are

concluded in February. Leading benefits, such as

worries over the number of pension will consequently rise health authority trusts sanning a deficit and the public "next April. Child Benefit will Government had previously pay round is still to come." increases in £11.45 per week for to fall from 28 per cent to 2.7 anticipated. The Treasury con-

> could also have an adverse effect on wage inflation, as September is a key reference oint for many companies. Higher than expected private sector deals would only increase the pressure on the Government to make improved public sector settlements when the pay round is

that the latest rise in inflation.

the state pension, are tied to the headline rate of inflation. The Department of Social Security said a couple's state from £99.80 to £103.40 from

cent week for the second child. But means-tested benefits, such as the jobseeker's allowance and income support, will increase by only 2.4 per cent — compared with 2.6 per cent last year - as the Government uses a different measure of inflation, one that excludes some housing costs to calculate the annual rise.

Economists said that the September increase in mortgage rates, after August's base rate rise, was the main reason for higher inflation. But falls in fuel and motoring costs helped

and footwear prices also fell from 1.6 per cent to 0.5 per cent while household goods inflation steadied at 0.9 per cent. Economists said that the fall in underlying inflation provided further reason for the Bank of England not to

which begins today. Separate data from the Confederation of British Industry showed financial service sector growth slowing to its lowest level since March 1996 in the last three months.

raise rates at the end of this

month's monetary meeting.

Thorntons to open 148 shops in four

years

THORNTONS, the chocolate shops chain, is to create 820 jobs over the next four years, opening 148 more shops and lifting the output of its Derby-

shire factory.

The new initiatives will add £40 million to the cost of the revolution" that Thorntons has embarked upon since Roger Paffard became chief executive last year. The company has already spent £18 million of a £51 million plan to revamp and resite its 300 existing shops.

Thorntons has switched its focus from manufacturing to retailing. Mr Paffard once doubted whether Thorntons should continue in manufacturing but a review has persuaded him the company is the only possible maker of 70 per cent of its product lines. So E35 million is being spent to improve its Thorton Park site.

Thorntons is planning additional shops because it believes it can operate profitably from 90 smaller towns that it had previously ruled out, and from the Republic of Ireland, from factory shops and from a second outlet in the largest shopping centres. The increased investment will create 520 retail jobs and another 300 in manufacturing.

The company reported an nual pre-tax profits of £11.5 million. 31.5 per cent up on last year's underlying total. Sales were 19 per cent ahead, at £109.2 million, while earnings climbed by more than half, to 13.32p a share. A final dividend of 4.2p a share, due November 28, will increase the total by 10.4 per cent, to 5.85p.

Like-for-like sales from Thornton-owned shops rose 12.9 per cent, driven by substantial increases from the refitted and resited shops.

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JJB Sports will open its 200th store next month and hopes for a chain of 700 David Whelan, chairman, hopes to see the chain grow to 500 in town and 200 out of

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Windfalls

About 170,000 British policyholders of the Australian Mutual Provident Society will get free shares worth about £3.000 on average when the insurer and fund manager floats in Australia next year.

Occidental chief to be paid \$95m

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

RAY IRANI, chairman of Occidental Petroleum, will be paid \$95 million (£57 million) to rip up his old contract and sign a new one. The cash payment is believed to be among the biggest of its kind in US corporate history.

Occidental is rewriting Mr Irani's contract because its lavish provisions were threat-ening the oil group's long-term financial health. The payoff will reduce Occidental's quarterly earnings by 28 per cent, according to documents filed at the Securities and Exchange Commission.
The group, which said it was

advised by independent lawyers, thought it more prudent to take the one-off charge now rather than to continue Mr lrani's rolling seven-year con-tract, renewed on a daily basis. Mr Irani, 62, was being paid an annual salary of \$1.9 million and a guaranteed

bonus of not less than 60 per cent of the salary. Since he started the job in 1990, he has also been paid at least \$1.9 million in restricted stock per year and an annual grant of stock options worth more than \$2 million. If Occidental was taken over, Mr Irani would have received seven annual salaries plus seven years of stock and options.

The new contract is modest in comparison. Mr Irani will be paid \$1.2 million annually over a fixed five-year term and he will no longer get a guaranteed minimum of stocks and options. Instead, his various bonuses will, for the first time; be directly related to performance. The takeover payoff clause has been scrapped and so has a lifetime

Under his stewardship. Occidental's returns on capital were half of those of similarly

Strong gets new role at WorldCom

LIAM STRONG, who stepped down as chief executive of Sears in April with a payoff of £465,000, has waived the right to further substantial payments by accepting a job with WorldCom, the US telecoms group bidding for

MCI (Jon Ashworth writes). Mr Strong was due to receive more money next year under the terms of his severance package -- provided he did not take a new job. He is in line for substantial performance-related payments in his new role as chief executive of World-.Com International.

Korn/Ferry International, the executive search firm, is thought to have handled the appointment of Mr Strong, who will work alongside Colin Williams, chairman of WorldCom International, which has 1,500 employees worlwide. Commentary, page 27

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Chris Evans bids for Talk Radio

By Chris Ayres

CHRIS EVANS, the radio and television presenter, has made a bid for Talk Radio, the struggling national radio sta-

Mr Evans has been in discussions with the loss-making station through his media company, Ginger Produc-tions, for three months. Talk Radio is guaranteed a licence to broadcast a national digital radio service from next year. Ginger could be forced to pay up to £90 million for Talk

Radio, which broadcasts on medium wave only and has an estimated 2.3 million listeners at peak times. Talk Radio's largest shareholder is CLT. one of the world's biggest media groups, which also holds a stake in Channel 5 and Atlantic 252. Another large stake is held by MVI, a media conferencing business which has interests in Teletext. MVI indicated that it wanted to sell

its shares in Talk Radio earlier

this year. At the weekend Mr Evans signed a ten-week contract to present his own breakfast show for Virgin Radio, the rival station, for an estimated £1.3 million. Ginger also receives about £13 million from Channel Four to produce TFI Friday, a show presented by

Mr Evans. John Revell, head of Ginger's radio division and a copresenter of Mr Evans's breakfast show — known to listeners as "Johnny Boy" said: "We are some way down the road with the negotiations and are still having lots of conversations with them. We see a real opportunity with the station because it is guaranteed to get a digital licence. At the moment, it's not a particularly successful business. We would like to see it move towards sport and comedy."

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BT deal gives schools cheaper access to Net



The Net will cost schools £1 a pupil

SCHOOLS are to get all-day access to the Internet for less than El per pupil per year after Ofiel, the telecoms regulator, forced BT to reduce its charges.

The new agreement gives each of the country's 32,000 schools ten hours of daily access for £790 per year on high-speed lines with no connection charges. A comparable charge for business use would be about £2,000. On standard phone lines BT will offer access for £445 per year plus a £100 connection

provider of their choice. Yesterday's

deal follows months of wrangling between Oftel and BT. Initially BT offered three hours' access for £790 for digital access through ISDN2 lines, which are speedier and allow more interaction than standard phone lines.

Don Cruickshank, the regulator, said he hoped that competitive pressure could lower BT's prices further. Cable companies are offering schools a £600-per-year internet deal. BT can lower its prices to Having rented a line from BT compete to a floor of £63l. As the affordable, predictable prices that

schools can link up to the Internet dominant supplier, BT's prices are held higher than its smaller rivals so that they may compete effectively. It is hoped that the deal will trigger a big switch by schools on to

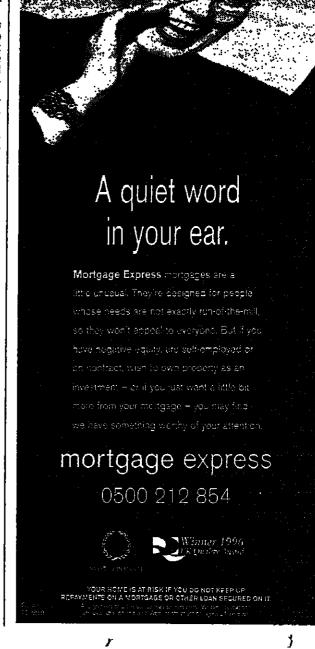
the Internet. At present only 6,000 schools have links, with 4,000 of those using cable companies. BT said: "These innovative prices should help to transform the level of take-up of information and communications technology in schools

throughout the UK." Mr Cruickshank said: "This agreement delivers schools the

they have been asking for." The protracted talks between the regulator and the industry mean that the cheaper prices will not take effect until the spring term next year. Last month -- the start of the academic year - had been the planned starting date.

Oftel's education taskforce will now look at other areas where cheap access may be granted. These will include libraries, further education colleges and Citizens Advice

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AMP float windfall worth £3,000

By George Sivell

AROUND 170,000 British policyholders of the Australian Mutual Provident Society will get free shares worth about £3,000 on average when Australia's largest insurer and fund manager floats on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges next year.

The shares are due to be allocated in January and the listing is planned to take effect in the middle of 1998, valuing the mutual insurer at A\$9.4 billion or £4.2 billion.

The formal name will change to AMP Limited on flotation and 1.07 billion free shares will be given to the membership of 1.8 million. The shares were given a current value by AMP of A\$8.81 to A\$10.37 each.

A\$8.1 to A\$10.37 each.

AMP owns Pearl insurance company in Britain and recently failed to take over Scottish Amicable. AMP says that it will continue to pursue its acquisition strategy and that if there are any developments before the listing takes effect members will be informed. Pearl policyholders will not get a payout because Pearl was already stock market-listed when it was taken

over by AMP in 1989.

A roadshow is planned for London on November 3 and in Glasgow on November 5,

AROUND 170,000 British ahead of the deadline for the policyholders of the Australian Mutual Provident Society will get free shares worth Society Albert 18 and a general meeting in Sydney on November 20.

Policyholders are expected to receive at least 100 shares under a complex formula relating to the size and lifespan of their investments, with some receiving upwards of 1.845 shares for a life insurance policy over 30 years.

Documents issued by AMP also showed the float should prove profitable for George Trumbull, its American-born managing director, who He stands to receive up to one million free AMP shares between listing and the end of 2000 when his contract expires.

Mr Trumbull, who joined AMP in 1994 when the 149year-old group was struggling with difficult investment markets at home and abroad, is already believed to be the highest-paid businessman in Australia with a 1996 salary reported to be about A\$3 million (£1.33 million).

billion of funds under management. Mr Trumbull said at the very least AMP would achieve steady profits in 1997, citing very healthy equity markets in Australia and the United States in particular.

AMP has more than A\$100



Helen Liddell, centre, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, meeting two victims of pensions mis-selling, Stella Gardner, left, and Christine Culbert

Minister meets pension victims

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

AFTER five months of haranguing the pension industry for its slow progress in clearing up its mis-selling scandal, Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday met two victims who have finally been compensated.

Christine Culbert, 49, and Stella Gardner, 52, told the minister of their years of frustration and anxiety in waiting for settlement from Guardian Financial Services and Abbey Life, from whom they wrongly bought personal pensions in the late 1980s. Ms

Culbert, a school administrative assistant in London, was persuaded not to join her local authority scheme. Ms. Gardner, a home care officer in Poole, Dorset, left a scheme on the advice from an Abbey representative. Both have been reinstated after action by the GMB union.

Mrs Liddell said: This is the human face of pensions mis-selling. The statistics tell a grim tale, but cannot give a true picture of just how much distress is caused. However, at last, it is heartening to meet people who have taken their complaints forward and—

finally - received the redress they deserve."

deserve."

However, new Treasury figures showed that it pension firms have still to resolve more than a quarter of their priority cases. These include Friends Provident, which was fined £450,000 by the Personal Investment Authority last week, and Gan Life and Sun Life of Canada. Only five had settled more than half their caseload. A total of 500,000 priority cases have been identified, with another potential 1.5 million non-priority cases still to be dealt with.

Mrs Liddell said that she would

announce soon what sanction she would take against firms that failed to speed up their reviews. The Association of British Insurers

said that pension companies had resolved 64 per cent of the most urgent cases, a sharp increase on last month. Companies have to settle 90 per cent of these cases to avoid fines by the PIA. However, the PIA criticised the ABI for making too much of the number of people excluded from the review.

Even so, ABI data suggested Prudential, Royal & SunAlliance and Albany Life may have missed the PIA deadline.

Nortel to tap into high-tech

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

NORTHERN TELECOM (Nortel), the Canadian telecommunications manufacturing group will today give details of what it claims is a technological breakthrough that will allow Internet data to travel along conventional do-

mestic electricity wires.
The company says that the technology "has the potential to stimulate major growth in internet use, and will change the future for electricity utilities". It has been successfully trialled and is ready for the mass market.

It is believed that the system will be able to deliver services at ten times the speed of most PC modems. Increasingly, however, the Internet is likely to carry sound, with full motion video also on the way, and it is not clear whether the Nortel system can carry sound or video signals. If it can, the system would make the electricity wire a more central competitor for existing telecommunications.

companies.

The obvious advantage of such a system is that electricity companies have an existing wire into virtually every

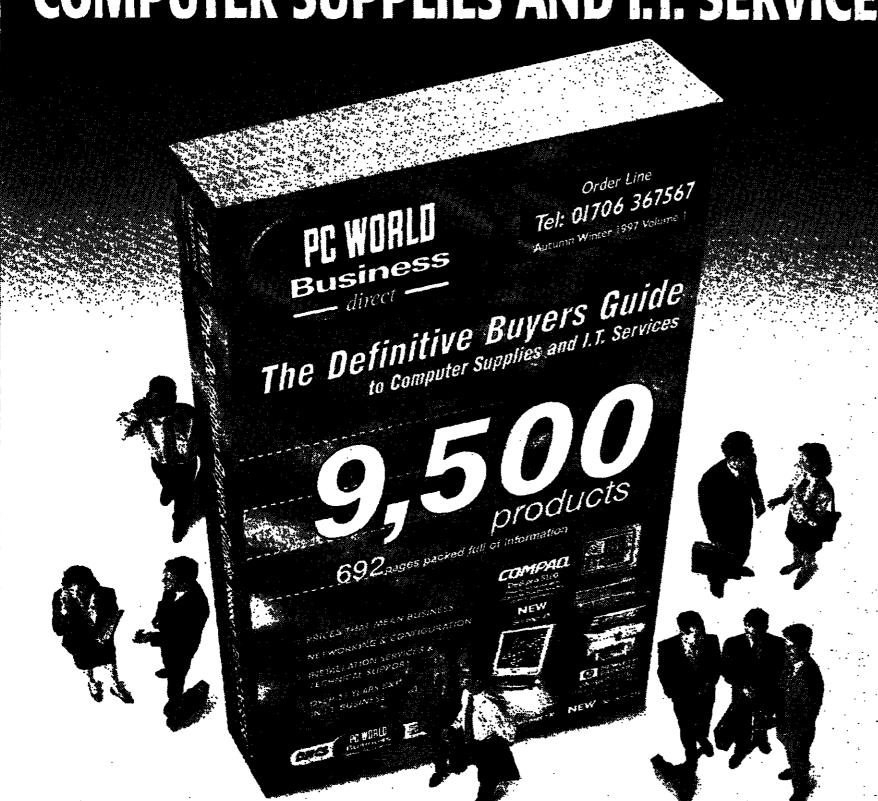
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home in the country.

A number of power companies, including Energis, have been, working with Nortel on field trials in a number of UK homes over the past year.

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Eyecare slumps by a third in first half

EYECARE PRODUCTS, the speciacle frame maker that has lost its chief executive and more than half its value in the past year, has reported interim pre-tax profits down a third at £1.5 million. Eyecare, which owns the Foster Grant sunglasses brand, expects a stronger second half after "very encouraging" sales over the past three months.

The company said it achieved modest growth in sales in the six months to June 30 but reported that turnover from L'AMY, its French business, was reduced by the strength of sterling. This cut first-half sales by 7 per cent to £328 million. Eyecare is not paying an interim dividend. It paid 0.57p a share last year. Martin Franklin, chairman, said new initiatives were starting to pay dividends and he expects this momentum to be continued next year.

Pentex reserves rise

PENTEX, the oil and gas group with interests in UK onshore exploration, said that its reserves had increased fivefold through its 40 per cent interest in Sibir Energy, an AIM-listed oil exploration company with assets in Siberia. Pentex suffered a pre-tax loss of £38 million in the year to June 30, due to an exceptional write-off of £43 million aftertax changes in November's Budget forced it to sell the Melrose Partnership, removing the largest element of Pentex's profitability. The dividend for the year is 0.2p per share.

UK water prices up 4%

BUSINESS is picking up the bill for inefficiency in the water industry, a study of world water prices has shown after Britain recorded the second-highest percentage rise. National Utility Services said water prices in the UK rose by an average 4 per cent in the year to July, ranking the country as the fifth most expensive for water. NUS said the main causes of the price rise were repeated droughts and leakages. Andrew Johns, NUS director, said repairs "will inevitably mean even higher prices for businesses" who are unable to access alternative supplies.

Construction complains

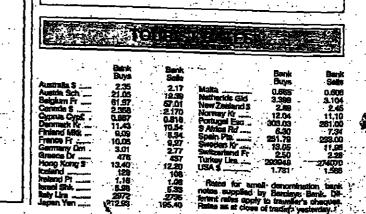
THE CONSTRUCTION Confederation has joined business objections to the Government's plans to introduce a statutory right of interest on overdue accounts. It said the plans were "impracticable" and that new legislation, planned for next year, would be unworkable. "It is not interest that small companies require, but the means to acquire a quick, fair, enforceable and cheap method of obtaining judgment for outstanding sums," the confederation said in a submission to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Active funds ahead

ACTIVELY managed pension funds again outperformed those tracking an index last year, according to analysis from the specialist WM Company. On average, the active managers have beaten the index-trackers in three out of the past five years. The margin is so slim, however, that it is roughly equal to the charges imposed by investment managers. In 1996, index funds returned an average 16.6 per cent, the FTSE All-Share index 16.7 per cent and the average actively managed fund 16.8 per cent. Commentary, page 27

BA hopeful on alliance

BRITISH AIRWAYS said it remained optimistic about its planned alliance with American Airlines yesterday, despite indications from Brussels that a decision on the fic-up was likely to be pushed back to next year. Karel van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, who is assessing the deal with UK and US regulators, said the airlines had delayed the inquiry by questioning the competence of his office. The inquiry has dragged on for 15 months, but Mr Van Miert was hopeful of substantial progress in the coming weeks.



Sears shareholders should not begrudge Liam Strong his flashy new job, since it will save them having to add to the £465,000 compensation they have already and him for

have already paid him for dispensing with his services.

with serendipitous timing, his elevation to the lofty title of chief executive of WorldCom Inter-

national was confirmed on the

day that bankers JP Morgan

finally sent out their sales

memorandum on the Sears shoe

businesses, a document that is

not likely to reflect well on Mr

hammer are far from thriving.

Shoes were the major problem facing Sears when Mr Strong moved into the company and JP

Morgan's tome will effectively demonstrate that this remained

the case at the end of his reign.

Now the company has conceded defeat and is resigned to costs of at least £150 million for quitting

Pessimists fear that the price could be considerably higher, for the rumours are that trading, particularly in the Dolcis busi-

ness, is dire. In recent years

Dolcis has changed its image more often than a super-model

and the result has been confusion and alienation amongst cus-

Having closed 150 stores in the chain, what is left of the Shoe

tomers and escalating losses.

JJB Sports is planning a

vigorous expansion that will see it open its 200th store next

month and could lead to a

chain of 700 branches across

figures yesterday, with pre-tax profits leaping 97 per cent to

sponded by rising 5p to 504p

as analysts increased their

full-year forecasts. Robert Miller at Dresdner Kleinwort

Cobham up

20% at

half time By ADAM JONES COBHAM, - the aerospace ents and services supplier, lifted interim profits 20 per cent on the back of buoyant demand for new civil In the first half of this year, pre-tax profits were £24.9 mil-lion. Turnover was £151.1 million, up from £132 million in the first half of 1996. The group's current order book is worth more than £600 million. This does not include £40 million of orders at the aerospace and marine division of ML Holdings, which Cobham bought for £37 million last month. Analysts are expecting the company 10 dispose of at least two of the non-core ML businesses ac-

decision likely this year. Gordon Page, chief executive, said new contracts from ML could amount to £100 million. Small purchases are expected this year. The group, where Giles Irwin is finance director, will pay an interim dividend of 4.05p (3.5p) a share on December 12, from adjusted

earnings of 18p (15.2p).

David Whelan, chairman of

the sector.



RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman of The News Corporahas admitted to shareholders that the international media group has just had "a difficult year".

Mr Murdoch told investors at the annual meeting in had "raced ahead with partners into great ventures" but not all had worked out as expected, including one of the most ambitious, the satellite

service for North America. "It was decided halfway into that venture that discretion was the better part of valour that perhaps we were per cent of BSkyB.

starting," said Mr Murdoch. who explained that News Corp had instead negotiated participation in another partnership, Primestar, the satellite service owned by leading cable companies.

profitable". Core businesses of film, TV and newspapers were all dotralia were up 30 per cent in the first quarter and the UK titles were 20 per cent ahead.



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Express operation may find more takers. The highest interest, however, is likely to be in Shoe City, the out-of-town chain that was a Strong innovation. But it is just as likely that the successful bidder will only be after its sites rather than its

Strong's achievements.

The four chains to go under the The smallest of the businesses. the vaguely upmarket Cable & Co, has been eyed up by Nine West, the ambitious United States company, but is also said to have attracted the attentions of Mohamed Al Fayed. Al Fayed already owns the Kurt Geiger shoe business and had talked of floating it until a certain disillusionment with his sale of House of Fraser rather jaundiced the prospects. After his jokey diversification into publishing with *Punch*, the owner of Harrods may feel that shoes offer better controls.

better returns. But the market is tough: yesterday's inflation figures showed that clothing and foot-wear prices were actually lower in August than they were a year earlier, another factor likely to scale down the cheques to Sears. Such doubts continue to dog



the Sears share price, an eloquent reflection of the City's view of the management. Mr Strong has left such indignities behind him. He faces the happier prospect of living with a share price full of optimism, if little more. WorldCom apparently wants Mr Strong for his marketing skills. Sustaining this stratospheric level will put those to the test.

Rail rivals leave passengers behind

ail competition was shelved to save the Tory Government money. There was little interest in the City or industry for taking on rail operating franchises. Potential bidders were more likely to be attracted by a protected monopoly, so that was put into the bulky package of concessions made to

ensure that the railways were privatised before the election.

If the Tories had insisted on competition on the rails, there would have been little competition for franchises and subsidies would have mushroomed. Such stark realities lay behind the statesmanlike words of John

Swift, the politically acute rail regulator, when he put off new competition — at least until 1999.

Mr Swift is now putting on another carefully judged exercise to review the issue. Would anyone like competition in 1999, even 2002, or should the whole idea be tactfully dropped? In theory, even new Labour

wants to convert as many fran-chises as possible back to British Rail when they expire or when laggards run out of cash. Anything that makes life harder should make more train operators give up. There is no

reason to think, however, that shunting rail back into the public sector is the policy at Number 10.

Tony Blair could easily have scuppered the sale of Railtrack, kingpin of the system. He chose not to, leaving his opposition spokespersons to flail around in frustration. Mr Blair has not changed his mind, even if John Prescott occasionally dusts down Clare Short's plan to re-route subsidies through Railtrack and somehow reassert control.

If the Labour Government

wants rail to stay in the private sector then it should be wary of anything that boosts subsidies, even such a "good thing" as competition. Train operators, by contrast, may now be more sympathetic, especially to the gentlemanly, all-holds-barred regime envisaged by Mr Swift. Competition can be bargained against extending the shorter

franchises. Operators have tried the argument that they cannot invest in new trains without more security, even though sepa-rate train-owning companies were set up to avoid just this dilemma Bargaining longer contract security for competition would be more convincing, even if competition is likely to flourish only on paper.

Rivals neck to neck on pensions track

Tans and sceptics of indextracking can find comfort in the latest analysis of pension fund performance from the WM Company. Just as the trackers gain ground, active managers are improving their performance. They won by a short head in 1996, making three wins in five years. But adding years when the trackers edged ahead, outperformance by active managers scarcely covered fees.
Passive management of pen-

sion funds UK equity portfolios produced a combined annual return of 14.2 per cent over the past ten years, while stockright markets, geographically or between shares and bonds. The other is picking the right stocks in those markets.

Few fund managers are as good at one as the other. On average, the WM figures suggest, they contribute more in topdown strategy than in bottom-up stock-picking. Instead of polarising between active and passive, pension funds are more likely in future to pick bits of each. This is as well, Indextrackers deserve to gain some ground, but are ultimately parasitical. If they became too successful, they would destroy the efficient stock market pro-cesses on which they depend.

Helping hand

PARTNERSHIP is a fashionable concept. Never slow to spot a trend, it seems that Saatchi & Saatchi now wants to become partners with its customers, sharing in the development of brands rather than being mere admen. This would, of course, involve taking a share of the profits the brands generate. They might think of themselves as consultants. Good to see that the spirit of Maurice and Charles still lives on at the firm.

JJB Sports plans vast expansion as profits soar 97%

By Sarah Cunningham

Benson shifted his forecast from £32 million to £34 mil-Other analysts moved below £30 million to about £33 million. Mr Miller said he was particularly impressed by the sales growth at JJB's superstores.

the sports clothing and equip-ment retailer, said he hoped to The company expects to have £11 million to £12 million see the chain grow to 500 in-town and 200 out-of-town cash at the end of this year and shops by expanding at a rate will increase capital expendiof 50 per year. The group has ture next year as it enlarges its opened 32 stores so far this warehousing. But Mr Whelan, a former professional footballer for Blackburn year, taking its total to 186 and store number 200 is due to Rovers whose family owns 54 open in Warrington at the end. per cent of the group, said: "If The company delivered betwe get too much cash we may ter than expected half-year

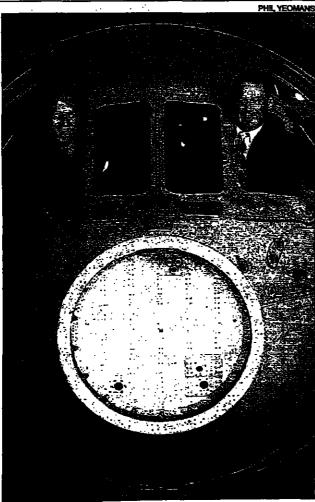
buy back some shares." Mr Whelan was also confident about the ability of JJB women's sportswear. New women's collections brought out by Reebok, Ellesse and

wear growing to about 10 per cent of sales in the next year, he said. "It was hardly anything before; these women's collections have only come out in the last six months," he said. Clothing for children aged between two and ten years is also selling strongly, he said.

Like-for-like sales in the first half were 18 per cent ahead. In the second half the rate has slowed somewhat to 8 per cent, but the company said this was because of difficult comparisons with last year, which saw particularly strong trade on the back of Euro 96.

The company will pay a sharply higher interim divi-dend of 2.25p (1.5p) on Decemper share of 10.55p (5.03p).

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Giles Irwin, left, and Gordon Page in an RAF Nimrod

Mixed fortunes for News Corp in 'difficult year'

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

already five years too late in

Mr Murdoch said that in the UK, Sky News had become profitable, although its parent company, British Sky Broadcasting would have a "flattish" year or two because of the cost of moving to digital satellite. News International. the subsidiary of News Corp that owns The Times, owns 40

News Corp had also had a great deal of difficulty in its HarperCollins books division. but management had been changed and assets were written down, which "we felt, were wrongly represented in our balance sheets". This year, Mr Murdoch said, HarperCollins would have revenues of well over \$700 million and is expected to be "moderately

Ikea takes Premier stake

PEARSON, the media group, is paying the American Booksellers As-sociation \$25 million (£15 million) to said: "The symbolic value of a paysettle claims against Penguin Books

Pearson settles for \$25m

Earlier this year Pearson took a £100 million charge to cover costs arising from the legal dispute over its US books subsidiary and payment of unauthorised discounts to booksellers. Avin Mark Domnitz, ABA director,

ment being made by a publisher to independent booksellers cannot be lost on the industry." The ABA said it ended a dispute over

favourable terms "that only some Penguin customers received". Jerry Jacobs, an ABA lawyer, said: "This is by far the largest antitrust discrimination settlement ever in the over-60-year history of

IKEA, the Swedish furniture and property group, has taken a 29.9 per cent stake in Premier Land, the property investment company (Fraser

Ikea is selling four of its Amsterdam office blocks to Premier Land for £6.93 million in shares and a 17 per cent share of rental income from the properties. Premier also said it was putting Union Group, its worst-performing property portfolio, into ad-ministration after suffering a £3.45 million loss. It will retain three areas of business: the four Ikea offices. Amsterdam's Magna Plaza shopping centre and the Aviemore Centre in

Scotland ikea's Premier stake is now just below the 30 per cent threshold that would trigger a takeover bid for the

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Barclays starts to recove as BZW suitors appear

SPECULATIVE buying enabled Bardays Bank to recoup some of the losses suffered since it put its BZW investment banking arm up

The shares ended the session 12¹2p higher at £16.92¹2 but remained well off the peak of £18.04 touched last week just before the disposal was

announced. Commerzbank. Germany, remains favourite to swoop on BZW. It has made known its intentions of expanding in London. Whispers in the Square Mile yesterday claimed the Commerzbank heard had met on Monday to discuss the possibility of making an offer.

Last night, Commerzbank refused to comment on market rumours, while Barclays was also keeping a low profile on the matter. Other potential buyers are thought to include Banque Bruxelles Lambert and ABN Amro of Holland.

It was another helter-skelter performance from the equity market, with investors clearly rattled by the latest rise in the inflation rate. With the Bank of England monetary committee meeting this week to discuss the possibility of another rise in rates, investors concentrated their efforts on taking profits. Reports of a heightening of tension in the Middle East also helped m unsettle sentiment.

The FTSE 100 index, up 40.5 earlier in the day, suffered a 55.4 turnaround before rallying on the back of an opening rise on Wall Street to close 5.6 up at 5,305.6. Turnover reached 961 million shares.

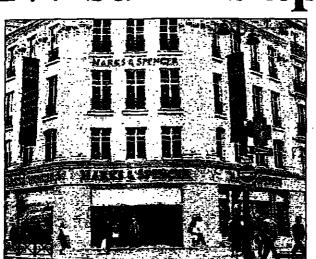
worst performer among the top 100 companies, falling 1612p from a peak of 664p to end at 64712p, a drop of 2.5 per cent. Brokers said this was prompted by a recommenda-tion from UBS, the broker, to "top slice". Almost 4.5 million

Pearson put on 2512p at 824p, supported by last week's report in The Times that it has put its Lazards Brothers merchant banking arm up for sale. NatWest Securities, the broker, is positive about the shares.

There was still no word from British Telecom about after last week's \$30 billion counter-offer from World-Com. BT still has 10 per cent of MCI and must decide whether

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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)



M&S, down 1612p, had the day's poorest performance

to raise its offer or dispose of its stake. The apparent indecision left the shares 7p lower at 451¹2p as 30 million shares

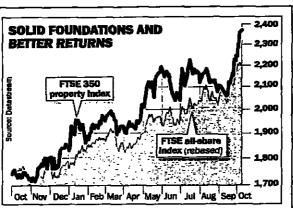
changed hands. Orange, the fast-growing mobile phone operator, stood out with a rise of 5p to 23512p after a visit to the group's

operations by brokers. BOC Group finished 712p lighter at £11.0712 as hopes that a buyer could be found for its Ohmeda healthcare business before the year-end began to fade.

Jarvis appears to have shrugged off the ill-effects of its rights issue in August, most of which was left with the underwriters. The shares rose a further 8p to 29412p

yesterday.

Hillsdown Holdings rose
6p to 17512p as SBC Warburg, the broker, reaffirmed its deci-



the past week. Yesterday, 5172p. Land Securities, 202p to £10.55, and MEPC 2½p to 545p. Pillar Property rose 712p to 268p after a

Brokers say these gains have been stimulated by reports that rental growth is accelerating. The sector

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that the struggling retailer may soon find itself on the RPIX ____ 157.8 Sep (2.7%) Jan 1987=100 receiving end of a bid faded. Earlier this week Sir Bernard Ashley, who is now a nonexecutive director, picked up a further 100,000 shares, taking Buckland Inv Wis the Ashley family holding to 84.1 million, or 35.2 per cent. The group has seen its price tumble from 16712p this year

NSB Retailing Systems made an encouraging start on AIM after a placing of shares at 115p. The group, which supplies software applications and services, saw its share price open at 12212p before closing at 14712p for a premi um of 3212p.

GILT-EDGED: Early falls

accelerated on the back of the unexpected rise in the inflation rate last month. Investors are fearful that this will pu pressure on the Bank of Eng land monetary committee which meets this week, to further raise rates in order to keep inflation under control. Worst hit were short-dated

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IMPUS Express profits on the rails

EVEN if we end up with trains queuing like empty buses as they wait for a slot on the main intercity routes, Railtrack will laugh all the way to the bank. New train operators will have to pay for access to the network and as far as Railtrack is concerned the more the merrier. Of course, more traffic will bring with it some marginal increase in variable costs but tracks and signals are already in place. Like any company with high fixed costs, every pound of extra revenue has a tendency to flow without hindrance into profit. Why should Railtrack care if there are

more empty trains running on the rails? Existing rail franchisees will be less sanguine about competition. They too, have high operational gearing and the prospect of losing up to 20 per cent of revenue to rivals could seriously damage their margins. Never-

theless this is unlikely to turn into the gunslinging battle that we have seen on the local bus networks. Interloping train operators will need to be self-financing while the incumbent franchisees will still be enjoying some measure of public subsidy when competition starts in 1999. That alone should warn off cowboys, and Opraf is duty bound to. ensure that new access agreements do not threaten the financial stability of the existing franchises.

Train wars will be more subdued than bus wars with a Rail Regulator determined to make his presence felt and a Deputy Prime Minister desperate for an opportunity to play with the train set. But for Railfrack, competi-tion makes the future look brighter and if the Government's integrated transport policy has any success, the rails will be plated with gold.

in a market with opportuni-

ties. It is astonishing that the

company sells only £4 mil-

lion of the £1 billion of

chocolate consumed by

children. Mr Paffard clearly

wants to make a name for

himself, and Thorntons al-

ready trades on nearly 20

times this year's earnings.

That said, the new strategy is

hard to fault.

Thorntons

THE whirlwind of activity unleashed by Roger Paffard at Thorntons since he took over as chief executive has added almost 110p to the share price since the beginning of last year. After years of underperformance from Thorntons, Mr Paffard cuts

a dashing figure.

Early results from the resited, refuted and bigger shops look good: Thorntons even lifted like-for-like sales in the heat of August. The product range has been expanded with Austrian chocolates, Swiss chocolates, American chocolates, chocolate bars and Choccies

But Mr Paffard has further treats in store. Thorntons has found another 150 locations and is experimenting with cafes, airport shops and mail order. Further out

COBHAM'S chief executive,

Gordon Page, believes it is a

good time to be small and

ambitious in the aerospace

industry. Mergers, and the

prospect of radical surgery

on the behemoths of conti-

nental Europe, have created

conditions where a go-ahead

supplier can thrive by ex-ploiting a market niche.

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Cobham, whose aircraft

interests include refuelling

systems, antennae and a joint venture to run an MoD helicopter school, is well

placed to take advantage of

the trend, while benefiting

from the current cyclical buoyancy in civil aircraft sales. Mr Page sees this

continuing to 2000 at least.

The company has has had to

facilities to keep up with

Cobham

Airbus's recent sales.

lies the possibility of super-

One may wonder at the

pace of change the company is already planning to refit stores already refitted. And it

must have been quite a

culture shock for employees

to learn that making choco-

late was only an incidental

Nevertheless, Thorntons is

part of the business.

market sales.

bidders, Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Delays in UK government defence purchasing are a worry: the replacement for the Bulldog trainer plane has been put back. But Cobham's other big interest - making drilling equipment for printed circuit - is in a growing sector too, and the range of However, on a prospective p/e of about 22 for the full year, most of the upside is

Cobham's own order book is

strong, and is backing both

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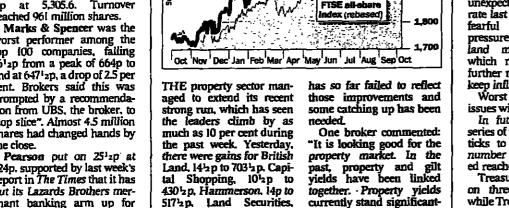
JJB SPORTS is on a roll, expanding its stores, profits, earnings per share and share price. Its rival JD Sports, which recently launched on issuing a profits warning after some bad stock purchases, but JJB has kept upright

According to JJB, its decision to stick to sports dothing and equipment and replica kit rather than high fashion has kept it out of trouble. The appetite among football-fans for spending ridiculous sums every season on a new set of clashing colours, must be in question. But next year, the World Cup should provide a boost to sales. Further down the line despite what JIB says, the fashion for casual

mysteriously as it waxed.

Moreover, sports retailers will soon be fighting each other as all the chains have ambitious expansion plans. JJB's shares, on a rating of 21 times earnings, already reflect its growth record. Given its strong position in a grow-ing market, the shares are certainly worth holding. But warrant a purchase.

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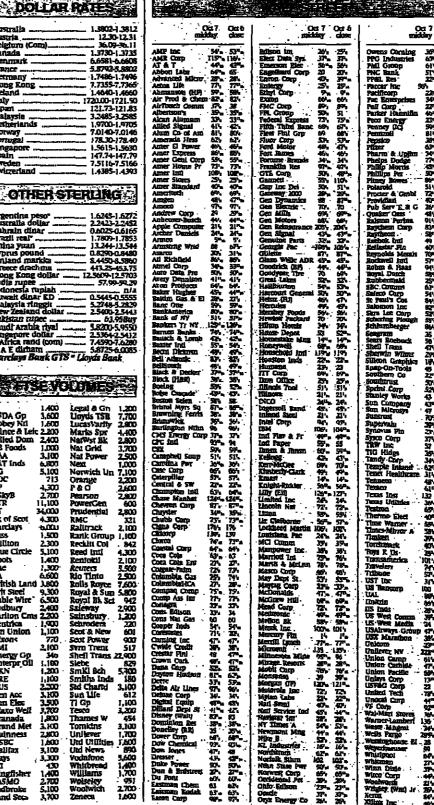
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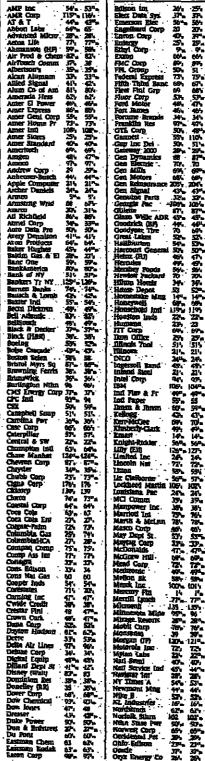
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ntil the single currency became a live issue on the British political scene, the meeting of the Bank of England monetary policy committee today and tomorrow was destined to be a non-event. The pause in raising rates that the Bank had indicated would surely persist until its

November meeting, soon before its next Inflation Report.
However, the debate now raging about the Government's intentions towards European economic and monetary union means that this week's meeting is a closer call. As soon as the Financial Times reported that the Cabinet was warming to EMU, and may even signal its intention to join the euro as soon as possible after 1999, long bond yields and sterling slid. Shares soared into new territory.

This has not only meant a burst of asset price inflation, but also a

EMU adds rate rise kick to the cocktail

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clear loosening of monetary policy at a time when the Bank is concerned about overheating. The in-house view of the Bank now has to be tempered by the influence of outside appointees to the MPC - although it is yet to be seen whether they turn out to be rebels - but it is a good bet that Eddie George's men may now be

itching to raise rates. And they are probably right Sterling and long-term interest rates are likely to be kept firmly on a gentle downward path because the EMU issue will not go away. Everybody — except arguably Robin Cook — sees an advantage in playing the EMU card little and often. Gordon Brown probably

genuinely wants to see Britain join a single currency and, in the meantime, hinting at such forbidden desires is a useful tool in bringing the pound down to a more competitive level.

Tony Blair and Peter Mandel-

son, masters of the great political moment, want to make a success of the British presidency of the European Union next year when the crucial decisions about who joins and at what rates are taken. It was never going to be easy to make a splash of the presidency while being hostile to their European colleagues. So, at least for the next nine months, and in spite of opinion polls saying the British public is hostile to handing eco-



nomic policy to Frankfurt, Downing Street is likely to make cooing olses to its European partners. It doesn't really matter, for the narrow purposes of the Bank's current deliberations, whether the Government is thinking about late 1999 or 2000 or even 2002 (and it probably doesn't know itself). The perception is now firmly entrenched in the financial markets that something is afoot, and they will trade accordingly.

This, apart from all other considerations about the longevity of the economic upswing, building society windfalls and the rest, puts pressure on the Bank to push up short-term rates. Convergence plays will ensure that the pound and long-term yields continue to fall, if only relatively gently if the spin doctors manage to fine-tune EMU speculation to ember, rather than blaze, proportions. However, the convergence, in itself, will be seen to make Britain's entry into

EMU more feasible and so reinforce the convergence trend. On any eventual entry into the single currency, the Bank would

have to swap its probably stillhigh short rates for the European Central Bank's probably rates, and there is a real risk of a big boost to British domestic demand that could not be counteracted by tighter money. Albert Edwards, of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, calls this the 'euro bubble".

All the more reason, then, for the Bank to bear down against any inflationary pressures now. The MPC may not move this week but, in spite of some fears of an incipient economic slowdown in

some quarters of the City, the argument for a move in November seems compelling. This is not likely to worry the Chancellor. Convergence suits him if he wants Britain in EMU sooner rather than later, and higher short-term rates are a good trade for lower long-term ones because this will simultaneously bear down on consumers but help exporters.

All the leaking from one of the leakiest governments in living memory has probably had the desired effect, whether it has been changing the direction of the financial markets or smoothing the way for Britain's EU presidency. However, the corollary of this masterly news management (if it has been as deliberate as one suspects) is that mortgage rates will be higher than they would have been without a drop of EMU in the economic cocktail.

Net's mixed bag of selling opportunities

echnophobes will be delighted that instead of bringing about the demise of the humble book, the Internet has sparked a trade war between rival online booksellers.

The market for the printed word has become the first to establish itself on the Internet in such a dramatic way, with Barnes & Noble, the world's largest bookseller, and Microsoft, the software giant, teaming up yesterday to produce an aggressive online sales strategy.

Many other markets are set

to follow, with music, groceries, cars and even property now being trading on the Internet in the United States. Graham Wallace, chief executive of Cable & Wireless Communications, the cable and telecommunications giant, said last week that he expected consumers to double their annual spending on the Internet to £50 billion within

the next twelve months... Richard Hyman of Verdict. the market research company, says: "There can never before have been a new distribution channel to have threatened to change the way we shop on the scale of the Internet. If the resources being invested by retailers is any yardstick, the But in spite companies who will be most of the hype affected certainly think that surrounding this is a medium they cannot the agree-

Trade on the Internet will be mainly based on the use of credit cards, with consumers browsing through product information online before placing their order, along with their card details, on a company's web site. The product will then be delivered through the post. Internet experts say that this kind of trade allows consumers to make much more informed decisions, without having to deal with inept or aggressive sales assistants. It also gives consumers more time to do what they want, rather than having to waste time shopping for mundane products.

A survey by Verdict, which is published today, shows that three quarters of Internet shoppers enjoy buying goods online, while 60 per cent say that it is more convenient than conventional shopping. Nearly half think that it is more cost-effective, while just over 40 per cent believe that it is easier to find what they want on the internet than on the

high street. The online sales strategy of Barnes & Noble could provide a blueprint for many other retailers. The company's exOnline bookselling flourishes but,

in the UK, Internet marketing is in its infancy, says Chris Ayres

clusive agreement with Microsoft allows it to provide bookselling services on its most frequently visited Web sites. These will include MSNBC, the news service, Expedia, the travel site, and Microsoft Investor, the personal finance site. Although details of the agreement have not been released yet, the two companies will share profits from the

Barnes & Noble. The move is part of Barnes & Noble's global expansion strategy, which will also see it launch a multimillion-pound

joint venture, which will imm-

ediately open up a market of

2.1 million consumers to

ket, bringing competition tablished players such as Dillons, Waterstone's

Smith.

Noble's online plans as rather belated. The company has already lost a huge volume of sales . to Amazon.com,

its upstart Amazon which now modestly describes itself as "The Earth's Biggest Bookstore" — was

the first company to estab-lish a successful Internet book-

selling site. The traditional book trade, not known for its love of modern technology, at first dismissed the service as a gimmick. Amazon now offers readers one and a half million titles in

print, and another one million out of print. Customers who visit its site can read selected passages from books, look at reviews written by other cus-

tomers or write their own

criticisms and recommendations. To buy a book, customers give their credit card

details and the book is sent

through the post. Amazon currently offers books at discounts of up to 40 per cent below its high-street rivals. The company has also managed to stage a worldwide publicity coup by offering customers the chance to contribute to a short story written online by John Updike, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist.

The way consumers pay their bills could also be fundamentally changed by the Internet: Microsoft is reportedly setting up a joint service with venture in the UK book mar- First Data Corporation, the credit card

services group, to take over the billpaying opera-American utilities. It is estimated that ten million Amer-. cents each.

Microsoft believes it can halve this cost by sending bills electronically. After customers have received their electronic bills, they will then have the option of questioning or cancelling the amount charged to them, before the money is

automatically taken out of Wallace: security pledge their account. Although companies in the telecoms, software and electronics sectors are desperate to make the future of Internet commerce look as bright as possible, its success will depend ultimately

> to Internet sites. This problem was highlighted at last week's CWC conference when only a handful of delegates admitted that they would be willing to use their

on how willing consumers are

to give their credit card details

ly all said they would gladly hand over their credit card to a waiter, or use it to order theatre tickets over the tele-

It was an uneasy moment in a conference designed to alert consumers to the supposedly mouth-watering opportunities brought by Internet commerce. After all, most of the delegates were experts in information technology. With-out their trust, there is little hope for the rest of the market.

The display of no confidence has failed to dent the enthusiasm of Graham Wallace, who is convinced that consumers will eventually overcome their fears of online fraud. "We will be able to guarantee great levels of security over the Internet," he says. "The irony is that using your credit card over the phone is incredibly insecure, and you certainly can't get any more insecure than putting a letter in a paper

envelope." He went on: "I do not think it's as big a leap of faith as some people make it out to be. At the moment we are seeing the tip of the iceberg, with Internet shopping ready to explode. I expect to see levels of trade doubling every year in icans receive the way we have seen so far."

three bills a Although the British online month at a market is still far less adcost to the vanced than in the US, many companies are starting to oil American-style Internet services. J Sainsbury became the first supermarket group to launch an Internet shopping service in 1995 with Wine Direct, and the company currently estimates that about 20 per cent of its customers are interested in some form of remote shopping.

However, there is not yet any solid evidence to prove that consumers regard such schemes as anything other than gimmicks.

Research by Verdict sug-gests that such scepticism is perhaps justified. It shows than only 0.07 per cent of current UK retail spending is on the Internet. This figure is expected to rise to I per cent by 2001, and 8 per cent by 2010. Richard Hyman says:

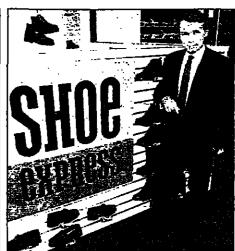
When it comes to touching, viewing, hearing, smelling and trying on, electronic shop ping is at a significant disadvantage. Picture quality is poor and cannot provide the visual detail to make styling on clothing or furnishings fully discernable. In this area the Internet is some way from even being able to match today's mail-order

catalogues."









The life of Liam: clockwise, from top left — as a food retailer, first with Reckitt & Colman; marketing with British

Ill-fitting shoes are forgotten as Strong lands on his feet

Namous shameful exits. Peter Rawlins bows out from the Stock Exchange after the scrapping of Taurus. the electronic trading system. Gerald Ratner watches his jewellery empire fall apart after making rude remarks about cut-glass sherry decanters. Liam Strong finally gives up on Selfridges after five years' try-ing to squeeze his left foot into

the wrong shoe.

So who clinches the top international job at WorldCorn, the US company at the heart of the biggest takeover bid in history? When Strong quit Sears in April, his ears ringing from myriad insults, headhunters rated his chances of landing a decent UK post at less than zero. One suggested that he try the Middle East. Another said anywhere would do — as long

as it was not Britain. To the intense annovance of his detractors, Strong, 52, has managed to do both, keeping his feet in the UK, but answer ing to an American employer. Not only that, but his timing is immaculate, coming days after WorldCom threw BT's expansion plans into disarray with its \$30 billion bid for MCI, the US **Jon Ashworth** on the former chief executive of Sears who has now

donned the colours of WorldCom long-distance telephone group.

WorldCom insists that the timing is "complete coincidence".

Those who have observed Strong over the years have come to recognise him for what he is — a corporate chameleon. ready to change colour to fit whatever surroundings most suit him. That his biochemistry went spectacularly amiss at Sears was just one of those things. Strong was resplendent in his new colours yesterday, his tail and feet clad in the Union Flag, his head and torso adorned in the Stars and Stripes. He spent the morning introducing himself to World-Com's London employees, be-

fore jetting off to New York on the first leg of a global tour. WorldCom was being characteristically "American" about the whole thing, refusing to say how Strong came to be hired, and declining to comment on

the size of his pay package. In

line with US practice, he is likely to command a comparatively modest basic salary, topped up by a heavy incentive element. Strong left Sears with a £465,000 payoff, and would have been in line for more money had he not succeeded in landing a new job within ten

Headhunters were appointed months ago to find someone to head WorldCom's international division - a surprisingly big operation, with 1,500 employees, half of them in London, and annual sales approaching \$1 billion. There is a sizeable office in Hong Kong. The company will not say which headhunters were used, but Rae Sedel of Russell Reynolds, the UK's leading telecoms recruitment specialist, was not involved. The finger points at Korn/Ferry, which does a lot of work for WorldCom. Strong's marketing background, rather than his retail skills, would have tipped the scales when it

came to the shortlist. WorldCom was swift to peddle this line, saying Strong's years with global players such as Reckitt & Colman and BA made for a good fit. He had a feel for a network industry operating as a multinational organisation, and understood

the value of a global brand.

Perhaps he does, but a man

who has in turn sold soap powder, mustard, airline seats, and shoes cannot really claim to know anything about telecoms. An intriguing link is provided by Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of BA at the time when Strong was BA marketing director. Sir Colin is chairman of Inchcape, of which Strong is a non-executive direc-tor. He is also deputy chairman of BT. Strong was little known on

the UK media stage before taking the BA appointment in 1988. Born in Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. where he read philosophy, he did three years with Procter & Gamble, working with brands such as Daz and Fairy toilet soap. He moved to Reckitt & Colman, staying for 17 years, before switching to BA, where mistrustful old-timers nicknamed him "The Mustard Man". He became chief executive of Sears in 1992, saying that the jobs were not really all that different.

For a military historian, Strong proved spectacularly inept at plotting his Sears campaigns, selling the Olympus Sport retail chain to Philip Green for half the net asset value, then unloading 380 shoe shops to Facia, run by Stephen Hinchliffe. It subsequently transpired that Hinchliffe had not paid anything for the businesses. Sears remained liable for many of the store leases

and employee wages.

Strong will be hoping for a happier spell at WorldCont. Just don't mention shoes.

Without peer

TOM CHANDOS, one of our most up on his own account. He spent experienced investment bankers specialising in the media, is on his way at the end of this month after disagreeing with his employer. Never a wise thing to do, even if his dispute with John Botts, founder and chairman of Botts & Co. the niche finance house, is an entirely amicable one about where the business goes.

But it has meant Chandos has been approached by various big City banks and is also considering setting



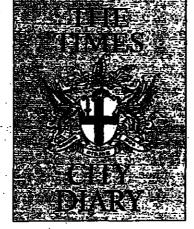
'I wish I had as many

nearly 20 years at Kleinwort Benson before switching to Botts, which is part-owned by Allen & Co. the American media investment bank, in

Chandos inherited a viscountcy in 1980 but uses the title only when he is trying, as a peer who has taken the Labour whip, to have the House of Lords overhauled and his hereditary rights abolished. He was adviser to Lord Hollick, another Labour peer, and MAI in the union with United News & Media but came to prominence a year ago by quitting as a non-executive of Chrysalis in protest at chairman Chris Wright's tardiness in appointing a chief executive.

He has a couple of directorships -"something to keep me out of mischief even if it isn't something to keep my bank manager happy but, asked of his long-term plans, he says. "I genuinely don't know."

● FOR a man with a reputation as a ditherer, Liam Strong is fond of mar-tial metaphors. Il blame Sun Tzu, the Chinese military strategist whose The Art of War became a sort of New Age business bible a while back And that chap who wrote about Attila the Hun's business secrets). His hero is Napoleon, and he can give chapter and verse on the emperor's tactics. raised in 1989. It seems it would be



He has expressed a longing to lead an army in battle, and has quoted General Ulysses S. Grant: First find your enemy, then move in on him and hit him hard and then keep hitting him." I wonder if Strong, during his stay at Sears, ever came across the Mongol tactic of feigned retreat. You rush up to the enemy waving your arms and making a huge song and dance. Then you run away again.

Not the ticket

. THE tariff on parking meters in most of the City has been increased this week from £4 for two hours to £6, to adjust, says the Corporation of London, for inflation since it was last

better if we all used public transport. It is generally a waste of time to try to counter political correctness with a few facts, but here goes.

The sort of people who regularly drive and park in the City are not

going to be put off by an extra £2 a stay. And most rush-hour traffic congestion, as anyone who drives across London or other big cities knows, is in the outside residential areas, and consists of people making short, necessary journeys - school runs, trips to the station. Never mind. If the Corporation really wants to discourage cars, why not build a ring of concrete and plastic around the Square Mile, and allow cars to enter in single file? What do you mean, it didn't work?

• IT IS now almost two years since the brothers Maurice and Charles departed to set up their own agency, and Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide has finally accepted that the name no longer fits. The business, now being demerged from sister agency Bates by the parent holding company Cordiant, accepts that time has moved on, and a new name is needed to reflect the changes that have taken place. But they are keeping the Saatchi bit. Instead they are dropping the word "advertising".

Own goal

AS AN ex-footballer, there are certain mistakes you would not expect David Whelan, the chairman of JJB Sports

fender, to make. For example, putting small, replica football pitches in his company's larger branches to encourage children to demand even more replica shirts from their parents. The result, not surprisingly, was replica football hooliganism. "It got a bit rough," Mr Whelan

and former Blackburn Rovers de-

said, with apparent surprise. "My goodness, some of those children can kick a ball." The football pitches are therefore no more, though the tamer game of basketball can still be played at JJB. And the mini-hooligans are on their way to the England-Italy game.

MARTIN WALLER



David Whelan found in-store

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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8 1997 Blow for Kohl as unemployment rises to record

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT IN BONN

GERMANY'S unemployment rate set another postwar record in September with no improvement in sight before next spring, according to the Federal Labour Office.

Figures released yesterday, showing seasonally adjusted unemployment had risen by 34,000 from August to nearly 4.5 million, came as a bitter blow to Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the start of a tough year of campaigning ahead of the general elections next au-tumn. Officials also see little hope of a change in the trend of climbing unemployment in Germany, which has increased almost every month

for the past year. Klaus Lever, Labour Office vice-president, said: The overall figure certainly won't improve before spring next year." He added that the forecast average for 1997 had been. revised up by 100,000 to 4.4 million. However, Herr Lever

said the Labour Office did not expect to have to tap Bonn for more funding to support the

Economists say additional welfare costs and a subsequent £2.7 billion loss in tax revenue could hamper Bonn's chances of qualifying for eco-nomic and monetary union (EMU) in 1999.

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However economists point-

ed out that a slight improve-ment in the jobless rate in

western German was almost

exclusively because of an ex-

port boom, linked to the fall in

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) immediately re-

minded the Government of its

pledge to halve unemploy-

"The promise turned out to be a cartoon bubble," said

Ottmar Schreiner, the SPD's

deputy parliamentary leader.

ment by the year 2000.

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value of the mark.

Herr Kohl is determined that Germany will meet the Maastricht treaty's budget deficit target of 3 per cent of gross domestic product to join in the first stage of a single currency union but the economic recovery promised by the Government is slow in

problems in eastern Germany persisting," Nick Stamenkovic, Frankfurt ana-

While unemployment in western Germany rose by 7,000 to 3.05 million; 26,000

Bloomsbury boosted by best-sellers

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By Fraser Nelson

BEST-SELLERS like Michael Ondaatje's The English Patient and Will Self's The Great Ape helped Blooms-bury Publishing to stem its losses in the first half, but the results still failed to restore City confidence in its longer-

term prospects.

The company's shares, which joined the market at work in the former East Germany, where a number of government work schemes have been scrapped and many 110p three years ago, dropped lp, to a near-low of \$24p yesterday, as the company returned a pre-tax loss of companies, which were artificially kept going by the Com-£367,000 for the six months to "It is extremely worrying that this downward trend doesn't stop," Herr Lever said. "The gap between east and June 30, against a £379,000

loss last time. The company said there were signs that the UK bookbuying market is beginning to recover, and it also welcomed the advance of Waterstone's and Books Etc whose stock bury's titles. But it would not comment on its collabo-ratation with Microsoft over an electronic quotations dietionary because the deal is commercially sensitive.

Total sales for the half-yes improved to £4.76 million (£4.4 million). In spite of a 4.27p loss per share (4.55p loss), a maintained interim



Nigel Newton, chairman of Bloomsbury, sees signs of a book-buying recovery in the UK

Maunders' profits and sales build

By GEORGE SIVELL

JOHN MAUNDERS, the housebuilder, raised pretax profits by 38 per cent to £6.2 million in the year to June 30 on sales up 15 per cent to £77.8 million. Earnings per share rose by 38 per cent to 16.65p, out of which the total dividend for the year rose 10.5 per cent to 6.30p. The final dividend was raised by 14

per cent to 3.70p. At the year end the book value of land stood at E47 million, enough for 2,359 plots, against 1,802 at this stage last year. Maunders sold 1,021 houses during the year, a slight increase on the previous year.

On prospects, John Maunders, company chairman, said: "The interest rate increases have had no significant measurable effect on market conditions, with the North West and Midlands experiencing more with very little inflation. The South remains buoyant, but shows some signs that price increases are starting to

Pound hits | MSB rises fabrics company

By MARTIN BARROW

WALKER GREENBANK, the wallcoverings and fabrics company, achieved a 4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, in spite of the severe adverse impact of the strength of sterling on exports and on the translation of overseas earn-

Yesterday the company reported pre-tax profits up to £4.46 million from £4.79 million for the six months to the end of July, on sales that fell to £48.8 million from £51.45

Walker Greenbank estimates that it lost export sales of about-£1.6 million, while the turnover of its overseas subsidiaries was reduced by £1.8 million on translation.

Charles Wightman, chief curive, said that, although: the consumer division had traded well in the first half, the commercial division had experienced tough market conditions. Earnings rose 4 per cent to 2.51p a share. The intering dividend is held at 1.3p a share and is payable on December 9. The shares fell lp, to 58p, yesterday.

Walker Greenbank said that the trading outlook for the company continued to improve slowly. Mr Wightman said that the second half would show the benefit of recent investment.

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MSB International, the information technology contract recruitment specialist, raised pre-tax profits 58 per cent to E3.71 million in the six months to July 31 on sales up 83 per

shares rose 5p to 475p.

Site for Asda

Asda Property has bought the former Do-It-All premises in Sutton, near London, for £1.75 million from Courtanids pension fund. Asda Property said it had planning consent to redevelop the site to provide 27,000 sq ft of open retail

Rentokil deal

Rentokil Initial, the business services company, has sold United Transport Tankers (UTT), the road tanker distribution and tanker deaning business, to Den Hartogh, a privately owned Dutch trans-

Hogg Robinson is buying the business travel operations of Kuoni Reisen in France and Italy for £300,000.

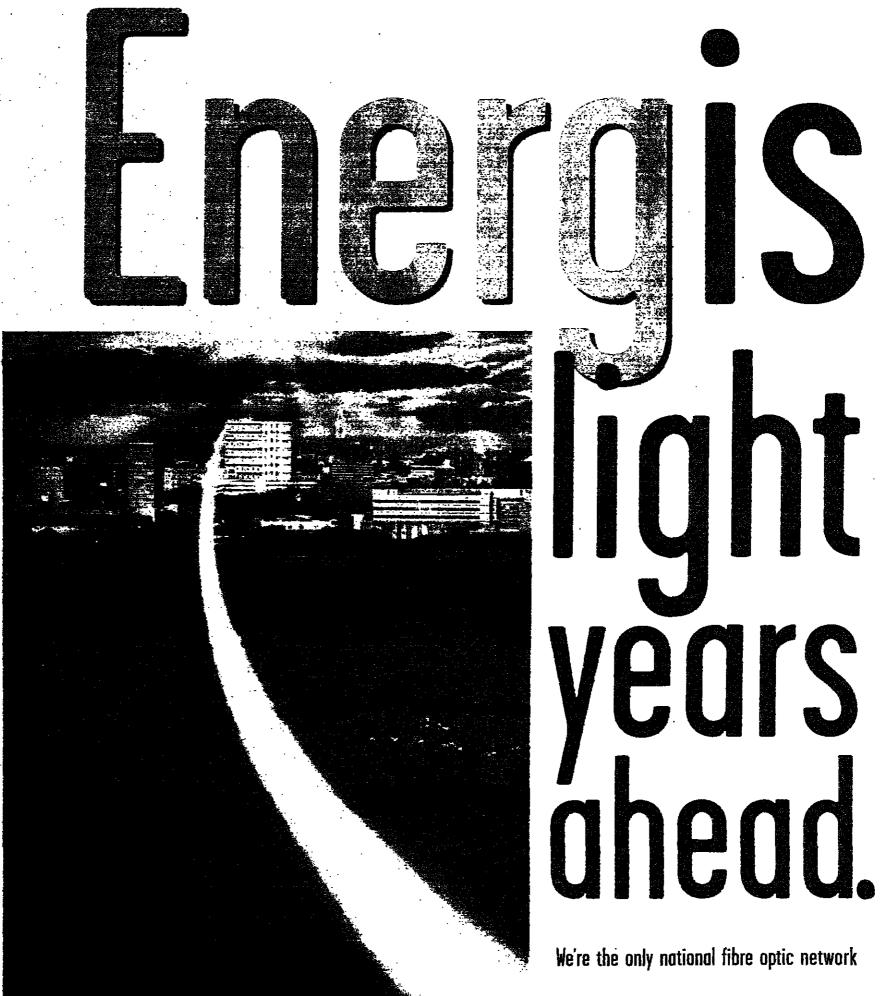
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cent to £54.9 million.

Earnings per share rose 53 per cent to 12 ip out of which a half-year dividend of 3.0p has been declared, up 50 per cent on the previous year. The

port group, for £4 million.

Hogg expands



TIMES readers are invited to a Times/Dillons forum on Thursday October 16 in London with Kevin Keegan, the former manager of Newcastle United Keegan, who was also an England international footballer, will be the star speaker on a panel which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from Newcastle last season, his views on modern management, his return to football with Fulham and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SWI at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him. THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM nt me ______ ticket(s) at £10 each (£7.50 concessions) for billions Former with Kevin Recepts at 7.30per on Thursday, her 16, at Westminster Central Hall, London SWI. ADDRESS POSTCODE DAY PHONE No I enclose my cheque made payable to Dillons the Booksto

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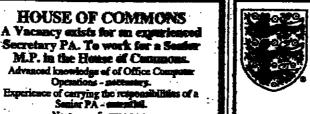


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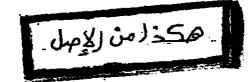
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To attract top secretaries, companies are finding that they need to rethink the salaries on offer, and salaries in stated but referred

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sand pounds, to attract multiskilled staff. This is particularly true of companies in the City and West End. where the highest salaries in the UK are offered.

Across the board, the survey says, office and secretarial staff salaries are rising only slightly above the level of inflation. But this is enough to

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shortage at the top level that was causing them problems, in comparison with just 3 per cent who said this when the last Reed salary survey was published six months ago.

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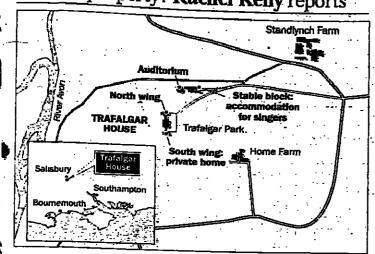
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The stately home battle of Trafalgar

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How much influence should a

conservation group wield over somebody else's property? Rachel Kelly reports



ichael Wade is cross. Trafalgar Park s Wiltshire stately home that last month was named Country Life's "Country house of the year", is at odds with the Georgian Group.

Mr Wade wants to turn this mid-18th century pink brick house with its large wings into a centre formusic. It would be run by a trust with an auditorium inside the derelict north wing and private accommodation for Mr Wade and his wife in the south. But last week the Georgian Group penned a report describing the damaged north wing interiors as of "international importance".

"The group could not condone the destruction of such rooms," the report continues. "Despite the dereliction within, the wing remains structurally sound and its interiors



Michael Wade contemplates the north wing of Trafalgar Park

free-standing auditorium to be built close by, leaving the latter to be used as additional accommodation for sponsors.

"It is to be hoped that this will result in an agreed scheme which will both fulfil the trust's musical ambitions and restore Trafalgar to its full glory." So Mr Wade has been forced to think again, two years after he bought the house and -15 acres of estate for around £1 million. He estimates he has spent around £40,000 on architect's fees drawing up new plans.

"I'm very frustrated," he says. The group has objected using the very slightest information, without full-blown research. They've put the obligation back on me.".

Such debate lies at the heart of the dilemma facing new owners of the nation's stately homes. Like Mr Wade, they are seduced by architectural gems such as Trafalgar which are in need of major repairs. They buy flush with optimism about

> sanction something new." Mr His lament is all the more poignant when one considers Trafalgar's chequered history. The house's future has been uncertain since its sale by the 5th Earl Nelson in the Forties:

and ultimately English Heritage.

groups would prefer to see these

houses fall down rather than

Built by the banker Sir Peter Vandeput in 1733 to designs by John James, it was subsequently given as a gift from a grateful nation to the family of the hero of Trafalgar. On Nelson's death in 1805, his heir was his elder brother. the Rev William Nelson, who succeeded him as Duke of Bronte and was created Earl Nelson of Trafalgar. After the expense of building Blenheim for the Duke of

plans they hope will herald a secure Mariborough, Parliament decided and upbeat future, only to be not to build a new house for the Nelson family, but to buy the frustrated by the intricacies of negotiating with conservation lob-Standlynch estate south of Salisbies such as the Georgian Group bury instead, renaming the house Trafalgar Park. "Sometimes one feels as if these

After its sale by the Nelson family, a bewildering succession of owners have lived there, including the Duke of Leeds, Viscount Chandos and a Swedish entrepreneur called Gunnar Bengstsson. The house became detached from its surrounding estate, finally being left with just seven acres in 1958, and has been in ever worse repair. The north wing has been eaten up by dry rot and developers were seeking to build in the grounds when Mr Wade bought the house at the end of 1995.

Mr Wade is to be congratulated on his efforts to date. He is deeply sympathetic to the house's plight, as is his wife, Caroline, daughter of Sir Francis Dashwood, who was brought up in another historic house, West Wycombe Park. Unlike any previous owner, Mr

The whole point of this is that I am not trying to create a dynastic home for my heirs, but that the house should be a self-supporting business." Mr Wade, chief executive of the Lloyd's corporate vehicle CLM Insurance Fund, will make

the foundation.

Michael Wade's plans for Trafalgar Park are under attack by the Georgian Group, which objects to the construction of an auditorium in the north wing, right

Wade has managed to buy 32 acres

of parkland round the house to

ensure its appropriate setting and

has begun to repair the building.

He is refreshingly modest about his

plans. He has transferred the

ownership to a newly-formed Tra-falgar Park Trust, which will own

and develop the house. His Trafal-

gar Foundation is a charity which

aims to encourage young musi-

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mances. Ultimately, the trust will

ensure corporate support. "I hope we-see a greater development of these sort of houses being Many pieces were composed to be played in just such settings."

He plans a five-bedroom, fivebathroom house for his family in the south wing, and 20 bedroom and bathroom suites. 12 in the main block of the house and eight either in the stable block or the north wing, depending on the site of the auditorium. He already has planning permission from Salisbury District Council to resite the drive and build two new lodge houses.

next move. He could transfer ownership of the house to follow the Georgian Group's suggestion and plump for a free-standing, templestyle auditorium or pursue his original suggestion for the north wing. "I believe there should be a requirement that if a conservation the most of his City contacts to

ow he is deciding his

group wishes to oppose something, they must make a viable counterproposal, at their expense.

If, for example, he is to restore the north wing as the Georgian Group suggests, then where is he to find the fireplaces which have been ripped out? Where should he site

sic premise that houses should be restored just as they were must change, Mr Wade says. "While respecting the integrity of the house and the architecture, we need to move a house and its purpose forward."

The problem is eash. The Georgian Group, as its secretary, Neil Burton points out, is run on a £25,000-a-year shoestring. Neither it nor English Heritage has the cash to produce counter-proposals. Ultimately, Government must decide if it is to fund architectural proposals for such houses. One immediate problem, as Mr Burton points out, is how to distinguish between sensitive proposals such as those of Mr Wade and schemes of

get-rich-quick property developers. Ultimately, whoever owns the property must be the most concerned, says Mr Burton. They have the end responsibility to care for the house." It is to be hoped that Mr Wade has the courage and cash to handle such responsibility.

Amanda Loose on the uncertainties of housing on country estates

uch property writ-er's ink has been er's ink has been spilt recently on the number of fine estates up for sale. But less has been heard about the human problems than can accompany such sales: the fate of the tenants. who live on such estates in

tied cottages and houses. Rising rents, absentee landlords or even the possibility of losing their homes altogether worry many tenants when great estates such as Luton

loo are put on the market. The tenants at Upton Cheyney, a hamlet of 12 cottages on an estate near Bath, feared rising rents when the estate was scheduled for auction in 29 separate lots earlier this month. About half intended to bid for their properties, but many feared they would be unsuccessful.

But the hamlet was bought lock, stock and estate cottage, reputedly for in excess of £1 million last month, by an

unnamed investor. The tenants now face new uncertainties. One said cautiously: "We are just waiting to see what the new landlord

Sales are usually less trou-bled, says Clive Hopkins of Knight Frank: "A change of the man at the top does alter the atmosphere on the estate. Agricultural tenants are always keen to know if their new landlord will be more hands-on or hands-off, but otherwise have very little to fear if they are protected by full agricultural tenancy

Since the Seventies, farmworkers and their families have had a considerable degree of protection under the 1976 Rent (Agriculture) Act. If made redundant, agricultural workers are still covered by the Act. Other tenants are protected if they enjoy Protected Tenancies, with rents controlled by the local council.

Domestic employees in accommodation have most to fear, as such staff do not have the protection that agricultural employees enjoy. Not only do they possibly face losing. their jobs, but their homes with them. "Different employees are protected by different statutes, offering a greater or lesser degree of protection. Many fear that the new owner will want to bring his own staff, particularly if he is moving from one estate to

Tied tenants fear for the future under new owners



Culham Court estate is for sale for about £6.5 million

another," Mr Hopkins says. New landlords have no obligation, however, to continue assured shorthold tenancy agreements if they have lapsed, and can terminate the agreement by giving one or

two months' notice. When it comes to estates changing hands, much depends on the way such transfers are bandled. James Laing at Strutt & Parker argues that a sensitively handled sale can do much to allay tenants' fears. "It is important to

explain to and reassure tenants at the outset that they have a right to stay there, depending on which sort of tenancy they have, and that these are clearly documented in the sales particulars," he

Many estates are currently changing hands, highlighting such problems. Justin Marking, from Savills, says: "The estate market is as busy as it has been since the late Eighties. We have achieved premiums of 15 to 35 per cent in the

last year, with many buyers looking to convert London money into country money." Much of the market is

fuelied by non-farming money, says Mr Marking, with many buyers looking to convert the profits from com-pany flotations and the like into roll-over tax relief. Busi-nesses can postpone their tax liability on the sale of their company by claiming reinvestment tax relief if they reinvest the proceeds.

Mr Hopkins believes that

overseas buyers have not been deterred by a strong pound. "The boom reflects confidence in the economy, in all sectors the strength of the property market itself," he says. The "feel-good" factor is a major influence, says Mr

Laing: A few years ago people were shy about taking on the big house, although they felt there was money to be made in farming. But now they are confident enough to take on the house as well." More than one agent has been surprised by the scramble. Andrew Macpherson of Clegg Kennedy Drew says: "I

time last year, as spectacular prices were being paid. "I thought that the spring summer of this year would be quiet, and I was proved wrong. The market is strong, and it is difficult to get your client in front in the bidding. But an estate still has

to be right to sell well."

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Privacy, an understated shabbiness and sense of tradition are de rigueur, according to Rupert Bradstock of the buying agents Property Vision. He says: "Demands have changed over the past ten years. In the booming market of the late Eighties people wanted very visible properties. Now it's more low key, with a certain style and class, beautiful houses which do not necessarily say 'Look what I can afford', but something with old-fashioned bathrooms and so on."

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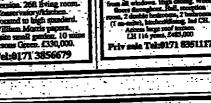
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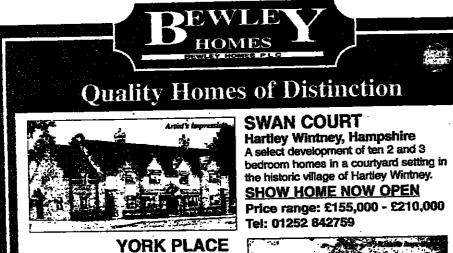








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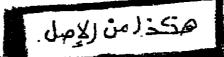
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ICE HOCKEY: BRITISH GOALTENDER PLANS TO BUCK THE TRANSATLANTIC TREND

Lyle sets out on American dream

By ALIX RAMSAY

'He's got a

up to do'

FOR such a single-minded young man, Stevie Lyle's approach to his work seems just a touch confused. He started life as a Devil, has done well to become a Whaler but really has his heart set on a life as a Redwing. In order to achieve this goal, he upped sticks from Cardiff, in Wales, and moved to Detroit, in the United States, to give himself a chance to further his career in Canada, This, apparently, is

the way to go.

Lyle is one of that rare breed, a British ice hockey player with a shot of making it in the National Hockey League (NHL). Usually the transatlantic traffic flows in the other direction as those who cannot survive the high pressure, multimillion dollar life in the NHL come to

Europe, where the standard is great and the lot of talent, but not fabubut he's got lous. Lyle is determined to reverse that some making season with the

Plymouth Whalers. Part-owned by the Detroit Redwings, the Whalers compete in the Canadian League. where most players start out on the road to the NHL, fame and fortune.

This season is the first real test for Lyle and his ambitions. At the age of 17, this is his draft year. Over the next few months and more than 100 games, NHL coaches and will monitor the progress of the young hopefuls and, come the summer, pick the best of the bunch. Those who make it will be owned new club and while they will continue to play in Canada, they will be called into battle by their NHL masters whenever necessary. There is a lot

at stake this year. Lyle is used to the spotlight.

He began his career as a responsibility being in goal.

Dealer South

goaltender for the Cardiff Devils at the age of 14 and, by the end of last season, he was voted the Superleague's best. Word about Lyle's potential began to filter back to Michigan via the Stefan brothers. Gary Stefan, the player-manager at Slough Jets, and Joe, with Basingstoke Bison, mentioned Lyle in dispatches to their brother, Greg, the for-mer goaltender of the Red-wings, who is now coach to the Whalers.

"Stevie is a long way from the NHL right now." Greg Stefan said, "but that's true of a lot of the kids here at the moment. He's got a lot of talent, but he's got some making up to do. There are things he missed out on in his development in Britain, but he's a quick learner and he

> lot of that with his speed. He's got to get better to make the draft, but he's fundamentally sound and he's track. Whether he makes it or not is entirely in his control." It

may not be the most optimistic of assessments, but then Greg Stefan is not one to build up his players' hopes - not all of them will succeed. The schedule is hard with three training sessions every day of the week, endless travel to and from games, school work - and all for \$40 a week spending money. It is not exactly glamorous, but then again it is the way Wayne Gretsky started and Gretsky is the greatest player ever to skate on to the ice, the Michael Jordan or Pelé of his sport.

More encoura tenders Greg Stefan and Lyle are kindred spirits. "Greg goes through everything with me," Lyle said. "Every game, he takes me through all the points and I learn something



Lyle, already the Great Britain goaltender, is hoping to break into the NHL

There is a lot of pressure and you are the only individual in the team. If you let in a bad goal, the team can fall apart, but if another player is having a bad day, it doesn't matter as

He is getting used to the new life in Michigan and, perma-nently tired from the packed training programme, has little energy left to be homesick. The pace and aggression of the games also takes some getting used to and in a world of

musclemen standing 6ft or more. Lyle, at 5ft 9in, has had to learn to take care of

have about three fights a game," he said. "There are some guys who are not that skilful, but are trying to fight their way into the NHL I just watch - provided my defencemen keep the puck out, I don't mind who they hit."

As the season gets into full swing, there are no stars in Lyle's eyes. He knows there is nothing but hard graft between him and his goal. "It's like whatever it takes, which means working hard and staying confident. I've got more experience than some through playing in the Superleague. I think my chances are OK if I keep concentrating. I did it at home, I think I can do it again here."

When parent power kills sport's purpose - this year if she had not fallen off a horse before the

a code of conduct to stamp out indiscipline and gamesmanship" in sport. They are also hoping to do something rather more useful, and a good deal more difficult - get the

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parents to shut up.

My favourite bit was the parent who was secretly videoed while watching his son in a match. He was then made to sit through his performance. It was something, no doubt, tediously familiar to many adults and many more children. Get stuck in, you big girl's blouse! This from a father to his son at an under-Remember that?

There is a sign at Nick Bollettieri's tennis academy in Florida by one of the courts. It says: No Parents, I wonder. who derives more pleasure from this sign - the coaches, or the children? I suspect the children, but it must be a close

run thing. While I was prowling. around the academy, at the invitation of the hospitable boss. I learnt that there was an English girl in residence, so I sought her out. To ask diffi-cult questions like: "What's it like bere?" and "Is it fun?" The result has always haunted me. It was one of those incidents that changes, or at least brings into sharper focus, all your views and understanding about a subject.

Zing! Tennis parent. Materialising in front of me like a genie from a bottle. With groovy Floridian shades, groovy Clint Eastwood haircut, groovy Brummie accent. "My daughter's with IMG and we like to controwel the press, and right now our policy is to keep her

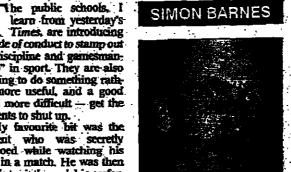
Didst give all to thy daugh-ter? And art come to this? Alas, I thought, poor daugh-ter, I bumped into the pair of them many years later, at a ously, Birmingham. And the daughter had not emerged wrapping. She was still conder wraps, and would be

Last weekend's Sunday Times contained a piece on mini-rugby. "Almost every match is conducted before a: frightening herd of roaring. bawling parents ..." which must make it unpleasant for all the players and hateful beyond belief for the one with the loudest parents.

Swimming parents are sup-

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: TEAM CAN CAPITALISE ON CHANGE OF NAME

England Monarchs seek home rule



Midweek View

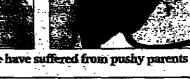
posed to be the worst. This is no doubt the reason for the odd career pattern of many swimmers: early achieve-ment, falling back, complete loss of interest, retirement. Followed by the second wind. the returning to competition as a mature person, a parentfree zone.

I remember a story told to me by a former child swimming prodigy, who was groomed for greatness by his father. When the weight of training grew intolerable he would sneak off. When his father discovered him, and ordered him back into the pool, he would respond with ective, sanction: "I'll tell

othousing is the term L the preparation of a child for sporting excellence. Martina Hingis, groomed tennis star, remains the example of hothousing deac with some kind of sanity. Hingis would have completed the grand slam — at the age of 16.



Capriati and Pierce have suffered from pushy parents



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

IMPs

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Often when you are defending you have to play your partner for a specific card in order to beat the contract. But you also have to consider whether there are extra chances if your initial try fails.

East-West game

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Declarer wins East's ten with the king and plays are and another club, East playing high-low to show two. What should West shift to?

Clearly declarer is marked with the queen of spades (East would have played it at trick one if he had it), so if he also has both red aces he is home. Hence West must play for East to have four small spades or three headed by the eight. and in addition a red ace which is it to be?

At the table West switched to a diamond and now declarer had nine tricks. It was the wrong shift. Playing a diamond gives the contract whenever South has the ace of diamonds. Playing a heart succeeds on the above deal. and also would not have been fatal had East held the ace of diamonds and at least the

queen of hearts -- declare would still not have had nine

Thus playing a heart beats the contract all of the time East has the ace of hearts and, in addition, some of the time when East has the ace of diamonds. Playing a diamond succeeds only when East has the diamond ace - there are no extra chances.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HELLION a, A male lion b. A poisonous herb c. A troublesome person

MOPPLE a. A kitchen maid b. An individual meat pie . c. A street song

HEKTE a. The Goddess of Night b. A silver coin c. A canoe paddle LUNGGOMPA a. A step-grandfather

b. A long distance monk c. An asthmatic lesion Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE

Alternative strategies It is well known that in grandmaster chess playing with the white pieces confers an s initiative. Players who prefer king's pawn openings tend to utilise this initiative to launch an early attack. Others.

launch an early attack. Others, afficionados of queenside openings, go for a gradual strategic build-up before unleashing an attack.

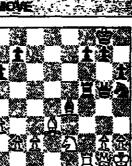
Today's games show how the white pieces can translate into a wimning advantage, almost imperceptibly. Michael Adams, rated highest in Britain, overcomes his opponent by active piece play, whilst Kasparov bases his offer-sive on an inexorable advance of his central pawns. White

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the Weekend section on Sourday.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Koch -Relange, France 1997. The white pieces are huddled unimpressively on the back row. How did Black take advantage of their constricted





White: Garry Kasparov Black: Judit Polgar Tilburg, September 1997

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manager, said yesterday. Bird said that the move would finally allow the organisation to stage "the full game experience" on match days, which is something that all the other World League teams have been able to do. Crystal Palace will become

give a signal to everybody that

we're moving forward," Alton Byrd, the Monarchs' general

home games at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre and two in Manchester, the fourth London home for the Monarchs after playing at. Birmingham, Derby or Bristol. A decision on those venues Wembley in 1991 and 1992, will be announced next week. then moving to Tottenham "The change comes at a crucial time for our franchise Hotspur's White Hart Lane when the World League was and we believe that this will

restarted in 1995, and Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's home, where they played the final. game of the 1996 season and all of 1997. Since 1995, the Monarchs

have suffered three losing seasons and consequently failed to attract supporters. with an average attendance of 11,100. Referring to the change of name, Byrd said: "We believe playing as England will allow us a broader base of lans.

rounding the future of Crystal

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timetable on what they are going to do. Bromley have asked us for a commitment for 1998 and 1999, so as far as we are concerned we anticipate playing at Crystal Palace Oliver Luck, the World

seeking to demolish, he said:
"We've had conversations

with Bromley Council and the

Sports Council and there is no

League president, said that the Scottish Claymores, who play at Murrayfield, were looking to do something similar by Palace, which Bromley Coun- moving one game to Glasgow.

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RACING

Need to harness regulations on Internet betting

By CHRIS McGRATH

THE racing and betting industries have been warned that gambling on the Internet, an intriguing variation on surf and turf, is fraught with indigestible possibilities. In an address to the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities, gathered in Paris after the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting, a senior American lawyer alerted Europe to the spiders at the heart of the Web.

John Keitt, the US Jockey Club's legal specialist, has devoted seven years to exploring the revolutionary consequences of Internet gambling and he braced his audience for the lawlessness of this game without frontiers.

Internet gambling in Britain is at present on a frugal scale. But it is a "rapidly growing, mobile industry, ikely to turn over ten billion dollars annually in the United States by the year 2000 - and unconcerned by national boundaries. It could take years for the international legal system to catch up.

Keitt believes a dangerous tension to be building between the highly regulated nature of the betting industry and the fact that the "secret of the Internet's success is its unreg-

about the implications. British racing's funding, based on a levy on betting turnover, could presumably be severely eroded. As Kent said: "An unregulated Internet gambling environment threatens to un-

dermine the ability of racetracks and racing authorities to realise their legitimate return on the races they host." For "an Internet gambier can easily disguise his identity. Encryption and electronic money makes transactions in-

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decipherable and untrace-The Clinton administration has issued guidelines for global electronic commerce, in principle favouring minimal intervention. But uncomfortable social concerns must remain about some types of business conducted on the Internet. Keitt described the "clash of cultures" developing "as various highly regulated industries — including wager-ing, banking, securities and

telecommunications - seek to

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adapt to this emerging and unregulated world."

The US experience provided a cautionary model, the whole Internet culture having developed faster there — including some case law. Unhappily, it seems to show the courts to be confused by the pivotal issue of jurisdiction. There is great variety in gambling restrictions between different states and legislation is before

Congress, clarifying that existing law does embrace Internet gambling - prompting a search for conveniently equivocal Acts.

Regulation, of course, also protects the punter himself. and some effort has been made in self-regulation. A forum of over 30 reputable companies has established a code of conduct that addresses consumer protection, from the resolution of disputes to restricting the access of minors and even of compulsive gamblers. This helped Keitt to offer a note of some optimism.

It would take time, and revenue might be lost in the interim, but in the long run the industry should be looking to harness the new technology to its own ends. New market forces could be dangerous but they also contain the promise of a new market



Guest calls it a day with My Emma

er, announced yesterday that his Yorkshire Oaks winner, My Emma, has run her last race. After consulting with her owner lan Matthews, he has called a halt to the filly's career after her run in the Prix de l'Arc de

Triomphe at Longchamp. The four-year-old had been a leading fancy for the Arc after her impressive victory at York in August. but she slipped and hanged herself a couple of weeks before Sunday's race. Guest won his battle to get her fit for

the Longchamp showpiece but his filly could finish only eleventh of 18 behind Peintre Celebre.

"My Emma has been retired," the trainer said. "She has returned home sound and eaten up but the problems she has had over the last couple of weeks getting her ready for the Arc have proved too much for her. This was always likely to be her last race and she now retires the winner of two group one races.

My Emma first leapt to prominence when she sprang a 29-1

surprise under Cash Asmussen in the group one Prix Vermeille at Longchamp in September of last

Darryll Holland took over riding duties this year when the filly followed up with a 34-length defeat of Whitewater Affair in the Yorkshire Oaks. My Emma won three of her eight starts, earning nearly £220,000 in prize-money.

Britain's potential challenge for next month's Foster's Melbourne Cup was cut to three yesterday. Arabian

Story. Clerkenwell and Harbour Dues were the only horses from this country left in Australia's most famous race at the second declaration stage. A total of eight British runners were taken out of the contest, notably Double Trigger, Double Eclipse and Grey Shot.

Arabian Story is set to carry 8st 6lb at Flemington, the same weight as Lady Herries's dual recent Scandinavian winner Harbour Dues, with the Michael Stoute-trained Clerkenwell

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3.30 (1m) 1. Carry The Fleig (T Ourn. 100-30 tay); 2. Opposition Liasder (7-1), 3, Heathwards Sheik (7-1), 12 ran NR. Bettron. 214, sh hd. P. Cole Tote. 55.00; 52.00, 52.90, 52.50 DF: 520.90 Tior. 54.7 70 CSF. 525.94 Tirtost: 5132.67.
4.00 (1m) 1. Blewbury Hill (J Red. 9-4 tay); 4.00 (1m) 1. Blewbury Hill (J Red. 9-4 tay); 4.00 (1m) 1. Blewbury Hill (J Red. 9-4 tay); 5. Legging Totel (10-1). J. Common Houghton. Totel 53.30; C1.80, 54.40, 52.70. DF: 53.470. Too. 524.94.90, CSF. 591.79
4.30 (1m 21 169yd) 1. Figiding Tenes (Deen McKeown, 3-1 tay); 2, Guesstimation (5-1); 3, Krayyan Deem (78.1); 4. Malatin Heights (33-1). 18 ran. NIR Proteins Bay Hd. 8. C. Smith. Totel 54.10, C1.80, 52.00, 53.10.

1932) [JP E7 In the 1941 of CST 213 11 (Incast 224) 32 500 (1m 21 189);th) 1. Misterton (A Portl. 20-1) 2. Harvey White (B-1): 3. Coordon (B-1): 4. Darra (B-1) State Approval 5-1 fav. 19 fat. Hd 114 J Glover, Tote 529:30; 74.90, 52.40. C150, 5190. DF: 5108.40 Thro 1952:50. CSF 5160 37 Tricase £1.317.22. 5.30 (2m 20/cl) 1, Themis Arens (F Lynch, 9-2): 2. Dearm King (33-1), 3. Fortunes Course (4-1 j-ksn.), Coh Sho No 4-1 j-ksn. 11 fan. 144. 1 M Poer, Tota: £8 70: 52.70, 53.70, £1.70. DF: £15.50. Tho £430.10 CSF 5140.66 Tricast £811.27 Service in the work (pool of £127,794.32) carried torward to York today). Placepot: £86.90. Quadpot: £46.50.

Plumpton

Going: good (good to soft in places) Going: good (good to soft in places)
2.20 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Myssik Day (A P McCoy,
4.5 fav), 2, 8b De Libratie (15-6); 3, Acquentas
(10-1) 8 ran. 1°4, 28t. M Pipe Tota £1 70,
2°1 10, £1 30, £1 50 DF £1.70 CSF, £2 38.
2.50 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Totally Yours (A P
McCoy, 5-2 a-law); 2, Summer Ville (4-1); 3,
Sprig Muster (5-2 (Hast) 8 ran 6, 111.44 Pipe
Tota £3 00, £1 70, £1 70, £1 00, DF; £8 60;
CSF £1 95 Totals; £2 92
2.20 (2m 11 11 hd 11); 8 paper Shar (B 3.20 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1. Paper Star (B Powell, 9-2), 2. Bermtown Bill (15-8 tev); 3. So Handy (2-1) 1. Can. 4l. sh ftd. M Muggerdge Tota 28 10 DF 25:00 CSF. C12:09

Musgendge (1987 99 10 LF 2010 Car. 1720)
3.50 (2m 41 hdie) 1, Demas (A P McCoy, 4-5 lev), 2 Via Del Custro (11-4), 3, Uno (10-11-5 ran Des des M Pipe, Tele £1 80, £1.10, £1.20 DF £2 70, CSF: £3 50
4.20 (2m circ 1, Lobeste Cottage in Wallemson 9-4); 2 Puth's Boy (11-10 fau); 3, Cracking Frost (4-1) 4 ran 41, 298 K Besley Totar £3 20 DF £2 00, CSF £9 96.
4.50 (2m 41 hdie) 1, King Of Sparts (4-1) 62 (2m 41 hdie) 1, King Of Sparts (4-1) 7 (2m 41 h



THUNDERER

4.00 ACHILLES (nap

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.00 BEAU VENTURE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Escudo, 3.30 MAWINGO (nap)

GOING: GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £6,576: 61) (15 runners)

BETTING: 4-1 Special Treat, 6-1 Prompt Delivery, 7-1 Escutio, 8-1 Brasston Berry, Deset Sand, 10-1 Angel Hill, Grand Estate, 12-1 others.

1996: AMYAS 9-3 M 198s (7-2 lav) B HRs 12 ran Branston Berry neck 2nd to Kheyrah in 6t Haydock nursery (good) with Classy Clao (7th better oft) 4'41 5th. Prompt Delivery heat from 191 12th to Jay See in 6t Newmorkst nursery (good). Special Treat heat Yannamari 4 in 6t Redicar maiden (firm). Escudo 3'41 4th to Mandies Pride in 5f Folkestone hardicap (firm) Angel Hill 3'41 4th to Hajoon in 6t Ayr nursery (good to soit). Desent Sand beat Ryefield 3'th 6t Ayr nursery (good to soit). Desent Sand beat Ryefield 3'th 6t Ayr nursery (good with inchalang (2th worse oit) 3'41 6th. Inchalang 51 3rd to Soiden Fortune in 7t Newmorket nursery (good)

INCHACONG, hampered in moning at Newmarkst, can go well off her low weight

2.30 WALINGATE HANDICAP (£8,680; 1m 2f 85yd) (12 numers)

1996; PASTERBUK 3-9-4 & Dumand (5-1) with rescon out an analysis of the property of the proper MASTER BEVELED; a course winder, offers some value to a tricky handicap

3.00 NEWINGTON HOTEL YORK RACEGOERS HANDICAP (£6,680: 51) (23 numers)

(£6,680: 55) (23 numers)

301 (13) 1-1000 CAMOVAS HEART 18 (20,5.6.3) of Denomarkis J Woods) Bob James 8-10-0 KDB9

302 (7) 0001101 JUST BOR 7 (0,5.6.5) Li Rotherby) S Katlewell 8-9-13 (7ex) Dean McScown 76

303 (9) 0000500 SAMOVAR 18 (V.G.) (Maybain Lish M Channoo 5-9-11 T Canton 76

304 (8) 0000500 SAMOVAR 18 (V.G.) (Maybain Lish M Channoo 5-9-11 T Canton 76

305 (15) 6200461 BEAU VENTURE 14 (CD,5.6.5) (Ms A Stocy) B Palling 9-9-5 T Social 8

306 (16) 6200503 SAMOVAR 10 (V.G.) (Maybain Lish M Channoo 5-9-1 T T Canton 76

307 (20) 0580224 SOARSSHEET (4 (D,5.6.5) (Ms A Stocy) B Palling 9-9-5 T Social 76

307 (20) 058024 SOARSSHEET (4 (D,5.6.5) (Ms A Stocy) B Palling 9-9-5 T Social 76

308 (77) 120000 ROVAL DOME 13 (CD,5.6.5) (M Raid 6 L Moore 6-9-2 Cody Morris 76

309 (17) 120000 ROVAL DOME 13 (CD,5.6.5) (M Raid 6 L Moore 6-9-2 Cody Morris 77

309 (17) 120000 ROVAL DOME 13 (CD,5.6.5) (M Raid 6 L Moore 6-9-2 Cody Morris 78

310 (14) 3503955 SIEPT MARCAL 16 (M Konn) M But 3-9-1 M Featon 83

311 (S) 953000 BEE HEALTH BOY 99 (B,5.5) (Bea Health Lich M W Easterly 4-9-1 B Feating 9-75

312 (23) 2222303 BRECONSILL LID 13 (VD,5.6) (Three Hoose Shoots) Mess 74 44 5-9-0 A McGlose 84

313 (6) 0000316 SWEET MARGC 14 (D,5.6.5) (C Harmound) P Housing 8-8-12 K Darley 84

314 (19) 000005 SWEET MARGC 14 (D,5.6.5) (M Harmound) P Housing 8-8-12 K Darley 84

315 (10) 000-005 SYLLEH WAYS 145 (6.5.9) C Harmound) P Housing 8-8-12 K Darley 84

316 (3) 43000 11 AMOV BRASE 7 (D,5) (M Housing) M Petros 5-8-1 M Heavy (3)

317 (7) 8440000 TART AND A HALF 7 (D,5) (Poperance) M Petros 5-8-2 M Heavy (3)

320 (11) 0000005 POLLY GOLLEH MY 12 (B,D,5-5) (K Hodgoon) M W Easterly 3-8-7 K Fallon 79

321 (13) 0000000 SHADOW JURY 12 (B,D,5-6) (M F L Drain 19) O Chaphan 7-8-2 T Williams 80

322 (21) 222204 CAMOVABLEET 7 (B,5) (IEF Freight (Scantoroughly) T Easterly 4-8-2 L Charnoct 84

323 (12) office. BETTING: 13-2 Man Britisa, 7-1 Just Bob. 8-1 Brecongili Lad. Kern, Camionstor, 10-1 Beau Visiture, Sweet Magic, 12-1 others. 1986: GOME SAVAGE 8-9-5 J Stack (15-2) W Musson 23 Am

Camovas Heart 8'4i 17th to Parryson View in 6i Ayr handrap (good to soft) with Sermer (3th better off) 27th. Just Bob best Mon Bruce (9th better off) 11 ur 5i Newcasile handrap (good of soft) with Sermer off) 11 ur 5i Newcasile handrap (good off) 194i 4th. Bear Vertara heaf Frying Handrid 5th in 5 Goodwood handrap (good) with Songshoot (3th better orf) 11 4th, Sweet Margio (3th better orf) 15th and handrap (good) with Songshoot (3th better orf) 11 4th, Sweet Margio (3th better orf) 11 4th, Sweet Margio (3th better orf) 11 5th pale Blanco 6'4i 14th to Stand Tall in 6i Notingham handrap (good) site off) 13i 12th. Brocongil Lad 3ti 3d to Mon Bruce (4th worse off) in 5i with White Emir (3th better off) 13i 12th. Brocongil Lad 3ti 3d to Mon Bruce (4th worse off) in 5i with White Emir (3th better off) 13i 12th. Brocongil Lad 3ti 3d to Mon Bruce (4th worse off) in 5i with White Emir (3th better off) 13i 12th. Brocongil Lad 3ti 3d to Mon Bruce (4th worse off) in 5i with White Emir (3th better off) 13i 12th Bruce (4th worse off) 3ti 11th and Carolinneur (1th better off) 8ti 6th. Pleasure Time 13ti 5th to Areadmen in 5i Leicester handrap (good in 6mm) with Beau Venture (6th worse off) 24ti 6th. nture (61b worse off) 2441 6th. JUST BOB won with a big in hand last time and can dely a penalty

Thunderer continues winning run

THUNDERER was in tremendous form yesterday. He found all six winners at Plumpton, including Paper Star (9-2). At Warwick. he was on the mark with Grace Browning (10-1), Fighting Times (3-1) and Blewbury Hill (9-4), while Smokey From Caplaw (8-1) and Polar Prospect (5-1) were among his four winning selections

3.30 charles heidsieck champagne handicap

	401	(12) 0550017	CELESTIAL KEY 10 (D.F.G) (Markes 6:4ft) M Johnston 7-9-7 J Westver	89
	402	(10) -003410	HI NOD 48 (C.F.G.S) (B Nortan) M Caroscho 7-9-6 L Charcock	99
	403		SHAWM 17 (D.G.S) (Sheith Mohammer) D Lode 3-9-5 K Fallon	102
	404	(8) 0-82450	SPEEDBALL 11 (F) (J Smoth) I Balding 3-9-2 L Detton	98
	405	(6) 2026063	KALA SUNRISE 25 (CD.F.G) (A Needham) C Smith 4-9-0 J Fortone	101
i	405		MUKADDAR 25 (6) (H al-Makkoum) C Benslead 3-8-13 R Hills	94
Į	407	(11) 1310120	COURSUL 11 (D.F.G.S) (Mess H Denson), & Robbeell 7-8-12 R Cochrane	105
ı	408	(3) 0411	SOLAR STORM 18 (CD.S) (7 Hams) M Bes 3-8-10 M Fenton	99
ı	409	(1) 21-0316	SHARP REBUFF 95 (D.F.G.S) (D. Almer) P Makin, 6-8-10	165
ı	410	(5) 0120203	GREAT CHALD 5 (V.D.5) (S Sonor) M Squite 3-8-9 J Red	100
ı	411	(4) 0061261	YALTA 17 (B.D.F.G) (Lord Weinstock) R Charles 4-8-8 T Sprake	101
ı	412	(2) 6-30203	MAWINGO 44 (D.F.S) (Mrs C Lilley) 6 Wraps 4-8-7 G Millegan (5)	103
ì	. BETTI	NG: 4-1 Shawan	6-1 Mawingo, 7-1 Solar Storm, Yalta, 8-7 Celested Key, Xala Sunelse, 10-1 D	ucens
ì	Cons	. 12.1 others		

1996: KALA SUNPASE 3-8-5 J Fortune (14-1) C Smith 10 ran

Celestial Key beal Littell 1341 in 1m Dielsdorf (Zunch) stakes (good). Shawm beat Desert Beauty 3/1 in 1m Haydock handicap (good to 6mn). Solar Storm beat Somerton Boy 11 in 1m Ayr handicap (good to soil). Sharp Rebutt 5/4 is to Jo Mell in 7/1 Ascol handicap (good to 6mn). Solar Storm beat Somerton Boy 11 in 1m Ayr handicap (good to soil). Sharp Rebutt 5/4 is to Lo Marking the Soil in 1m Nemarkap (good to 1 in 1m Nemarkap takes (good to 1 in 1). Yalar beat Silk SI John next in 1m Kemplon handicap (good).

SHAWM can extend winning sequence at expense of Mawingo

4.00 CONSTANT SECURITY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £6,524: 71 202yd) (16 runners) 524: 71 202yd) (16 runners)

32 ACHLLES 14 (Achilles Int's Freight Forwarders Ltd) R Aleshors 9-0 J Weaver BENJAMM (Dr. F. Chao) S Whoots 9-0 X Fation - L Delbari ESILIAMM (Dr. F. Chao) S Whoots 9-0 X Fation - L Delbari ESILIAMM (Dr. F. Chao) S Whoots 9-0 X Fation - L Delbari ESILIAMM (Dr. F. Chao) S Whoots 9-0 DUBLE EDGED (2nd Middelbarn Partnership) M Johnston 9-0 Dean McKeowen 5-8 GENERAL MONCK 16 (Lord Cirdon) D Mortey 9-0 Dean McKeowen 5-8 GENERAL MONCK 16 (Lord Cirdon) D Mortey 9-0 R Halls - O SINGER MORRIS 20 (Mrs. M Rogers) C Boots 9-0 J Fortune 6-0 GBULDHALL 20 (Jeffry Reang) B Meetian 9-0 M Tebbott 7-9 OF JOLLYHACK 27 (T Bell, P McDonald 8 + McGowan) J O'Shea 9-0 J Carroll 7-1 MARILFAN (A Pys. Jessy) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 K Darley 8 PAS DE MCHORRES 20 (P Sawt) M Templars 9-0 Y Cawar 7-0 GEOLDTURE 28 (N Yong) M Janks 8-9 M Hills 37 OG GOLDTURE 28 (N Yong) M Janks 8-9 Emma O'Gorman 7-5 OOJ JOLI FILLE 21 (Joh File Partnership) J Warwanghi 8-9 I Walkarre 68 8 ST CLAR SHORES 28 (R Wasson I) M Stone 8-9 J Red 68 Achilles, 5-2 Desinctive Dance, 8-1 Double Edged, Menthorpe, 12-1 Chim Clarmany, SI Carr

BETTING: 9-4 Achilles, 5-2 Destinctive Cance. 8-1 Double Edged, Neuthorpe, 12-1 Chim Chimney, St Clar Shores, 16-1 Pac de Memorres, Goldburg, 20-1 others.

Achilles 14.1 2nd to Mistarway in 1m Goodwood meiden (good to firm). Distinctive Dance 134.2 ad to Name Of Love in 71 Epsom maiden anction stakes (good). Fearless Brave 111 6th to Arche Air in 71 Ayr maiden (good to soft). Chim Chiminey 934.1 5th to Bristol Channel in 1m Leicester maiden (good to firm). Goldhume 634.1 4th to Exclusive to 71 Kengton stakes (good) with 51 Clar Shores (levels) 934.1 7th Nunthorpe neck 2nd to Prompt Delivery in 61 Pontefract maiden (good to firm). DISTINCTIVE DANCE showed promise at Epsom and has a good chance to open account

4.30 STONEGATE LIMITED STAKES (£6,004: 1m 3i 195yd) (13 runners) 4. JU STONEGATE LIMITED STAKES (£6,004: 1m 3i 195yd) (13 runners)

601 (5) 1303806 HOH PUPRESS 49 (0,6,5) (Pateron Rame) Mrs J Remains 5-94 ... J Formare 9

602 (5) 5224502 BILLY SUSHWACKET 12 (F.5) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-2 ... R Cochrane 107

603 (4) 22341 COLDUR CODE 49 (6 Walter) Mrs M Swinbark 5-9-2 ... S Sanates 107

604 (1) 323-1 FILMORE WEST 377 (6) (C Wingdi) D Arbuthnet 4-9-2 ... L Detton — 605 (9) 111/16 Mrs Mrs 47 (6F,0.F.6.5) (Hrs II Prince Fairt Salton) P Cole 5-9-2 T T Dumm — 606 (3) 0001050 CELESTIAL CHORT 12 (20.F.6.5) (Mrs II Swinson) P Cole 5-9-2 T T Dumm — 607 (10) 12-0040 OOPS PETITE 25 (F) (Mrs ID Machen) Mrs J Cocst 4-8-13 ... J Carnal 107

609 (7) -205000 HAPPY Mrs STRAL 8 (8.7) (Albantar Recing Lish M Schools 3-8-11 ... J Read 99

609 (7) -205000 HAPPY Mrs STRAL 8 (8.7) (Albantar Recing Lish M Schools 3-8-9 ... K Darky 94

611 (13) 1055000 MRSTR PMR 8 (FS) (C Summed F Schools Algebra 3-8-9 ... K Darky 94

612 (12) 25-01 FLASSHIP 22 (5) (R Habitigatorit) W Hem 3-8 ... T Sprake 96

613 (6) 561300 KHAWART 39 (6) (H al-Makkamin) E Derlop 3-8-8 ... R Mills 97

8ETTIMES 9-2 Pariot Simes. 5-1 Bibly Bechreactor, 7-1 Hon Express, Calestial Chotr. Ragstaip, 8-1 Listol. 10-1

Calcour Caste, Copp Petite, 12-1 albaes.

1996; PUCE 3-8-8 () Urbina (9-2) L Currero 11 can

Hob Express 6½) 6th to Audalyma in 1½m Kempton handrasp (good) Bally Bushwasher ½ 2nd to Marsul in 1½m Haydock handrasp (good) with Celestial Choir (8th better off) 8½; 8th Fillianse West heat Revus 31 m 1½m Goodwood maden good to farm, Ment 2¾; 6th to Scotherolds of furny Parinot Games 3¼; 4th to Ferny Hill in 1½m Kempton stakes (good to fam), Happy Misristal 21; 12th to Totem Dancer in 1½m Harmison handrasp (good). Hapship best Tongon's Prize 21 in 1¼m Sandown maiden (good) BILLY BUSHWACKER should confirm Haydock running with Celestial Choir

5.00 EBF SANCTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,744: 61) (B runners)

Asyead SI 4th to Title Bid in 6f Cattenck marken (good to firm)
Love Academy 71 4th to Winsome George in 7f Avr marken
(good), Nysfield 3l 2nd to Deser Sand in 6f Avr marken auction stakes (good to celt). Welfiltern 9f
2nd to Guidea in 6f York marken (soit). Millemah 23/1 2nd to Ab En Provence in 6f Ripon stakes
(good to firm)

COURSE SPECIALISTS							
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BUNKERIEU HHS I Hit; Notingham: 3.40 Ceptan Brazy. 4.40 DOC Hyan's 5.10 Aurelian. Towicester: 2.50 Wests Spinner. 4.50 Squre's Occasion. York: 3.00 Samwar, Swynford Dream. 3.30 Great Child. 4.30 Happy Minstral.

NOTTINGHAM

2.10 Royal Ground, 2.40 May Oueen Megan, 3.10 Ca'D'Oro, 3.40 Odette, 4.10 Basman, 4.40 Fantasy Girl. 5.10 Beauchamp Lion.

going: good to firm

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 SECOND ROW SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,985: 1m 54yd) (17 runners) | (1) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3)

9-4 Royal Ground, 7-2 High Money 7-1 Blue Desert. Chenshed, 12-1 Emperor s Gold, Mugi's Magic, 14-1 Sharp Monkey. Candy Twist, 16-1 others

2.40 FLY HALF HANDICAP (Div I: £3,005: 1m 54yd) (18)

3.10 FLY HALF HANDICAP (Div II: £2,979- 1m 54yd) (18)

TOWCESTER THUNDERER

2.20 Shikaree. 2.50 Prince Kinsky. 3.20 Rangitikei. 3.50 Spirit Level. 4.20 Jim Valentine. 4.50 Belirol.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 KEYLINE BUILDERS MERCHANTS SELLING HURDLE (£1,839: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1 -241 SHIKAREE 35 IV.F.S) M Pipe 6-11-5 ... A P McCov 2 -044 JRST FOR A REASON 17 (6) R Juncles 5-10-12 Sary Lyons 5-4 THOMAS CROWN 15 M R Bozley 5-10-12 Mr P Philips (7) 4 0-02 WOODLANDS ENERGY 10 P Pricebase 6-10-7 C Lieuwellyn 1-3 Stelanes, 5-1 Just For A Reason, 7-1 Thomas Crown, 8-1 Woodlands Energy

2.50 KPMG PASAS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,966; 2m) (15)

12,906; 2(III) (10)

1 P/O CHRAIN DANCER 19 H Collegating 5-10-12 V Smith
2 SPR. DERRONS KNIGHT 191P N J Pennins 7-10-12 Mr R Waldey (5)
3 O/O KARACHI 14F J Joseph 7-10-12 L Harvey
4 +2 MEST CLASS 19 C Breeks 5-10-12 R Johnson
5 00P. ROSSELL ISLAND 252 for J Primas 6-10-12 R Johnson
6 00P. ROSSELL ISLAND 252 for J Primas 6-10-12 M Marston
8 3P. BARANOV 99F D Murray Smith 4-10-11 D Gallagher
9 0425 BEADON LAWE 60 (8)P 0 O'Reall 4-10-11 V Statlery
10 5 DESEL DAN 19 J Jensins 4-10-11 A Megunt
17 PRINCE KIRSSY 28F J Old 4-10-11 C Lewellyn
18 19 0425 BEADON LAWE 60 (8)P 0 O'Reall 4-10-11 C Lewellyn
19 SMCE KIRSSY 28F J Old 4-10-11 C Lewellyn
19 SMCE KIRSSY 28F J Old 4-10-11 C Lewellyn
19 SMCE KIRSSY 28F J Old 4-10-11 C Lewellyn
19 DAUGHTER W LAW 137F Miss C Carce 4-10-6 J Lawrence
15 -P30 MISS BLAES SWGER 28 A Campben 7-10-7 W McChalland
15 P-90 MISS BLAES SWGER 28 A Campben 7-10-6 J Lawrence
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3.20 BIDDLESDEN NOVICES CHASE

1 3LDS GBMAE 37 V.D.F.8) J O'Stea 7-11-5 Michael Brennan (3)
2 -2P4 CHAPPUCCI 18 (6.5) Mrs E Hazit 7-10-12 A Thoroton
3 22-2 RANGSTRUE 11 (0.5) C Mann 6-10-12 B Denrecody
4 RSP WHAT 5 THE PLAN 378 (6) B Fearc 8-10-12 P Hentey (3)
5 56-2 EURO SINGER 19 (0.6) 1 Westey 5-10-11 R Johnson
4-5 Rangstein, 2-1 Euro Sanger, 7-1 Garone, Catappucca, 25-1 What E The Plan

3.40 PROP FORWARD MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,835: 5i 13yd) (17)

5-2 Shahlord's Homour 7-2 Odeste 5-1 Terntory 8-1 Emment, Scienticus, 16-1 Magic Powers, 12-1 Ballasida, 16-1 others

4.10 DYNASTY INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,993 1m 1! 213yd) (10)

(9) 2325 BASMAN 33 B Smart 3-0 (1) 00 BOB KNOWS 19 B Johnson Hough (2) 0 DANEL 3 MASCOT 93 A Navicom (5) HIBLAZE A McAubite 9-0 4-7 Basman, 4-1 Lysendros, 8-1 Mutaban, 14-1 Hibiare, 16-1 Bob Knows, 25-1 Cambbing, So Shooter, 33-1 Others

4.40 HOOKER HANDICAP (3-Y-0, £3,486; 1m 1f 213yd) (18)

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1 (13) 0000 PARENTUS 22 (6) R Harman 9-7 Dane O'Nell
2 (16) 1144 REGAL REPRAMAND 27 (D.F Is Leve; 9-6 Paul Eldery 7-3
3 (1) 2300 MADE BOANE 20 (6) P Hamb, 9-3 A Cubrace 7-3
4 (3) -300 MADE BOANE 20 (6) P Hamb, 9-3 P Lecates (3) F-5
5 (2) 0000 DOC RYAN'S 36 (8) M Ryam 8-13 P Haccase (3) F-6
6 (4) 4306 ESCRET BALLOY 1 (C.D.S.) P Maccase (3) F-6
1001 RARE TALENY 16 (0) F S Edilings 9-12 R French (3) 7-8
110 (10) 546 CHAMMLER'S HALL 75 M Heaton-Elle 6-9 A Clark 7-7
10 (10) 0340 TABASCO JAZZ 7P Mechan 8-9 G Carter 7-7
10 (10) 0340 TABASCO JAZZ 7P Mechan 8-9 G Carter 7-7
11 (12) 1500 WHO'S THAT MAN 22 (D.F.S C William's 8-8 S Domme 7-7
12 (15) 5004 GALLANT HEIGHTS (3) E Extery 9-6 A Window (3) 7-1
13 (7) 2000 GO FOR GREEN 10 Dr J Scarpil 8-6 J J J Johns 7-7
14 (9) 6056 L FALCO 9 M Prescrib 8-2 G Darfield 64
15 (14) 0040 R YNG FLIP 33 B Morgan 8-2 G Darfield 64
15 (15) 0000 GEACH BUDY 11 J H Misson 8-1 P Bradley (7) 8-7
17 (17) 0110 TEPFERARY SUNSET 9 (D.F.G.J J Juans 8-1 P Bradley (7) 8-7
18 (8) 2123 HOUSSH HUTTEN 33 (6) R Rescham 7-12 N Address 7-8
2-8 Regal Reprimend 6-1 Fantacy (6) 7-1 Nobile Dane, 10-1 Secret Eallot, 12-1 9-2 Regal Reprimand 6-1 Fantacy Grt. 7-1 Nobile Dane, 10-1 Secrel Ballot, 12-1 Rate Tatent, Gallant Neverts, Epointh Flutter, 14-1 others

5.10 FULL BACK HANDICAP (£3,363: 2m) (18)

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1 (1) 3855 DAL WERNET 78 (8,87) J/Shorton 4-9-11 C Lowther (5)

2 (4) 4503 SALSET LAD 18 J Factories 3-9-6 A Center 68

3 (16) 030 AURELIAN 15 (V.7) M Selt 3-9-5 ... G Paulicer (5)

6 (5) 5233 PALAESMON 15 (8,97) M Selt 3-9-5 ... G Paulicer (5)

6 (15) 0400 MANISON WELDOME 15 (V) Mrs. Remotion 3-0 D Pears

7 (10) 0000 SPA LARE 23 (C.F.5) U Belty 4-9-2 R Havin (3)

8 (6) 0365 CHAPLE BISTIME 30 (F) L Candeto 7-9-2 A Mackey 9

9 (7) 322 PALOESMON 15 (5) Mrs. Remotion 3-9-1 W Ryand

10 (3) 0503 REAR WERDOW (1) VI Lord Hartington 3-9-1 W Ryand

11 171 1400 (EEPSAGE 16 (8) F) U Uber 3-9-0 R Street

22 (1-7) 4655 GOLDEN MELODY 7 M Heatton-Site 3-8-11 J Fonder (7)

13 (18) 0000 DAZZ JANE 5 (18) F) U Uber 3-9-0 P McCaber (3)

14 (9) 0052 CONTRACE 95 L4 Rem 4-8-10 P McCaber (3)

15 (8) 1015 ASP 79 (C.5) Harter 5-9-10 P McCaber (3)

17 (17) 4615 COURSE FISHING 11 (F) B McMaleton 6-5 R French (3)

18 (13) 007 SP PALESCONE 71 (F) B McMaleton 6-5 R French (3)

17 (17) 4615 COURSE FISHING 11 (F) B McMaleton 6-5 R French (3)

7-2 Philosophic, 5-1 Palaemon, 8-1 Salzee Lad Mackeyn Weldome, 10-1 Spa Line Rear Window, 12-1 Beauchamp Lton 14-1 others.

3.50 RON & BERYL LYON GOLDEN WEDDING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,182, 3m) (6)

1 SSF. KAREN'S TYPHOON 147 I McGovern 6-17-10

A P McCov

P P50 MY WARRBOR 10 (F) M Campron 9-11-7

W McFatand

3 5013 SPROT LEVEL 27 (F) J R Payne 9-11-3

Mr S Durack (7)

P-32 WCKENS OME 19 0 Geneghy 7-11-0

P-00P SMEETLY DISPOSED 42 C Jones 9-10-11

R Johnson

6 P0-4 NERO'S GEM 53 (Jeciesto B-10-11

J Colony 7-4 Spirit Level 5-2 Nation's Typhosol, 11-4 Wickens One, 10-1 My Warror, 12-1 Nero's Gem. 20-1 Sweetly Doposed.

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(£2,864° 3m 1f) (5) 1 GP-1 SOLO GENT 19 (F.S) A P Jones 8-11-10 S Michiell
2 1-33 KEEP IT ZIPPED 11 (B.F.G.S) O Sherwood 7-11-7 J Osborne
3 6210 JIM VALETINES (CO.F.E.S) D Weete 11-11-4 W Marstan
4 5-24 COUNT BARACHOUS 19 (CF. 5) May E Hern 9-10-6 D Gallagher
5 4-00 MANOR RHYME 5 (D.G.) J McConnachie 10-10-5 A Thornton
15-8 Reep B Zepped, 5-2 Colo Gard, 7-2 Jan Valenbae, 4-1 Count Barachos 16-1

4.50 ALDERTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,040: 2m) (9)

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TOWCESTER: Trainers: A Curile 6 minutes; from 20 minutes; 50 0%, C Marri, 4 from 16, 25 0%; Mits J Phintan 10 from 44, 22 7%; J S Migore, 3 from 16, 18 8%; C Brooks, 7 from 39, 17 9%; Jackeys, A Magazine, 21 winners from 72 folder, 29 2%; B Dumacody, 15 from 68, 22 1%; J Octobers, 13 from 72, 16 1%; M A Fitzgerald, 11 from 61, 18 0%; W Michartand, 7 from 40, 17 5%. NOTTINGHAM: Trainers: M Prescott, 12 winners from 45 namers, 26 7%, M Paggas, 6 from 25, 24 0%. J Sossien, 11 from 46, 23 9%. J Farchave, 10 from 55, 18 2%, J Dunkop, 20 from 120, 16 7%, Jockeys: D O'Donchoe, 4 winners from 18 tides, 22 2%, D Sweeney, 4 from 18, 22 2%, A Wheten 4 from 24, 16 7% Paul Endery, 15 from 91, 16 5%, 6 Duffeed, 20 from 129, 15 5%

Sense of injustice could work in Newcastle's favour

NORTHAMPTON may feel the backlash from Newcastle's perceived sense of injustice at the suspension of Dean Ryan when the clubs meet this evening in their rearranged fixture in the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Until a date is set for his appeal against a retrospective 28-day ban for violent play against Bath. Ryan is eligible to play for his club.

He has been named in the side to play Northampton, a match postponed from August 31 after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The only comment that Rob Andrew. the Newcastle director of rugby, would make concerning Ryan's fate was that "the ball was in the Rugby Football

Tonight both clubs will have to set aside thoughts of the European Conference quarter-finals, for which Newcastle have already qualified; for their part, Northampton must beat Connacht on Saturday to make the last eight. After dismissing Edinburgh on Sunday with the minimum of fuss. Newcastle_recall Tim Stimpson, Alan Tait and Pat Lam and must be confident of extending their unbeaten home record, which stretches back 20 months. "Since beating Bath we have improved enormously," Andrew said. "The way we won in Perpignan last month was a far better display than against Bath. Europe came at the right time for us."

While Newcastle are at full strength, Northampton are missing Tim Rodber, who has a thigh strain, and Paul Grayson, whose absence means a return to fly-half for Gregor Townsend, who played at full back in the victory over Nice. Andy Northey makes his de-

in the other rescheduled first division match, Saracens play their first home league game at Vicarage Road, against Richmond, and hope to attract a crowd of more than 5,000. That figure may be optimistic, given that Sky Television is covering the match. but the attendance should give an indication of the likely appeal of the club in its new

In the continued absence of Kyran Bracken, Brad Free makes his league debut at

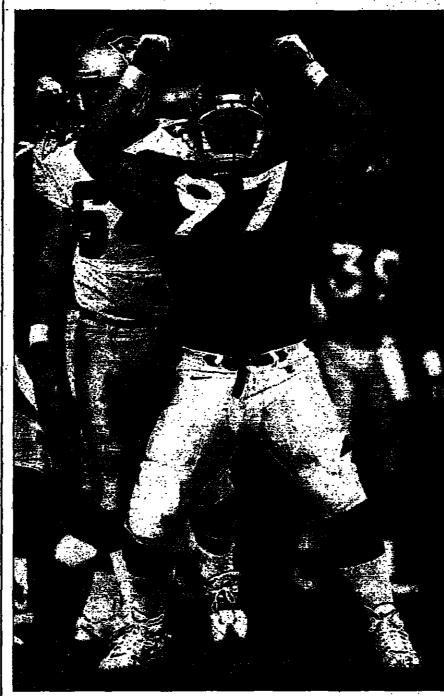


Ryan: eligible to play against Northampton

scrum half, while Saracens also give first league appearances to Ryan Constable and Danny Grewcock. In their attempt to finish in the top four this season, Richmond have targeted several key fixtures. "Saracens away is one of them," Ben Clarke, the captain, said. "We have got to beat all last season's mid-table

Richmond have named a squad of 22, but will not name their team until an hour before kick-off. Richard West, the former England international. will definitely not play as he has a shoulder injury.

Broncos remain unbroken



AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Deriver 34 New England 13.

BASEBALL

CYCLING

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spaint World championships: Ment Junior time-Itial (28km). 1.

T Hackmann (Gar) 35mm 56sec; 2, M Rogers (Aus) at Isec; 3, A Markov (Russ) 15; 4, D Zabriska (US) 26; 6, S Lang (Ger) 43; 6 D Kupe (Pol) 48, Women: Junior time-trial (13 Surt; 1, O Zabriskaa (Russ) 19:38; 2, S Hubscher (Ger) at 36sec.

A M Capigas (Sp) 37; 4, G Gruodyte (Lith) 39; 5, J Brabenetz (Gar) 42; 6, S Loschr (B) 51.

FOOTBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-offs: Cleve 4 New York Yenkees 3 (Clevelland win b of-five series 3-2).

Still going strong: Mike Lodish, the Denver Broncos' defensive tackle, cele-brates sacking Drew Bledsoe, the New England Patriots quarterback, during their 34-13 victory at the Mile High Stadium on Monday night that saw them maintain the only unblemished record in the National Football League. With Terrell Davis running for 171 yards, and despite John Elway complet-

ing only 13 out of 27 passes, including two interceptions, the Broncos recorded their sixth successive victory to equal the best start in the franchise's history. It was the Patriots' first defeat of the season, and their tenth successive reverse against the Broncos. They had fought back from 14-0 down-to 14-13 at the end of the second quarter, but then conceded 20 unanswered points.

ATHLETICS

Moorcroft's influence swiftly felt

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

lenges next summer, rather been spared one unwelcome expedition. They will not be asked to undergo separate trials for the European cham-pionships and Common-wealth Games.

The announcement yesterday that combined trials will be staged in Birmingham next July, three weeks before the European championships in Budapest, and seven weeks before the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lompur, is a sign that the sport in Britain may be digging its way out of its internal conflict. It was also hailed as a triumph for David Moorcroft within one week of taking up his post as chief executive of the British Athlet-ic Federation (BAF).

Peter Smythe, of Bupa, the trials sponsor, referred to the move as "reuniting the sport". Last year Bupa, together with Channel 4, objected to the choice of title for the world championships trials and, while that was only part of the argument, relations between the BAF and the Amateur Athletic Association of England [AAA] were so strained that the two governing bodies proceeded with separate

championships.
While the BAF's trials for Athens were reasonably well supported by athletes and spectators, the AAA championships, the oldest open championships in international athletics, begun in 1880, suffered enormously. None of Britain's most celebrated athletes took part, there was no television coverage, and crowd attendance was poor.

Helped in part by the wealthy AAA relieving the impoverished federation of some of its financial burden. the two bodies appear in closer harmony now. The trials will

BRITISH athletes, facing a be known as the Bupa AAA whole mountain range of chal-championships, but the event lenges next summer, rather will be closed to overseas than two or three peaks, have athletes. A first-two-past-the post system of selection is likely to operate for both European and Commonwealth events.

Moorcroft, who succeeded the much-maligned Peter Radford, took up his position last Wednesday following his appointment in July and his arrival was timely, according to David Cropper, the AAA chairman. There were one or two issues that needed to be grasped and David grasped



grasp the issues

them," Cropper said. "Whether we would have got round to doing it as quickly without David is debatable."

As a former athlete of note. Moorcroft understands the importance of sparing competitors during a season which presents four significant international challenges, in addi-tion to the grand prix circuit. As well as European and Commonwealth championships, there is the European Cup and World Cup. The Birmingham trials, from July 24 to 26, are likely also to serve as World Cup trials, provided Britain qualifies.

RUGBY LEAGUE: UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ATTRACT SPONSORS

Student teams spreading the gospel

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE student game represents a truly national face, including new teams at Portsmouth and Lincoln, which is recognised by the announcement yesterday of a sponsorship for the forthcoming season with Hogshead Houses.

The Student Rugby League (SRL) embarks on its 3ist season next week with a record 70 teams, divided into nine leagues encompassing England, Scotland and Wales. The sponsorship and matching government award will also allow the SRL to run a women's championship for the first time.

More Super League clubs are linking up with universities and colleges as a source of players and key personnel. London Broncos have successfully tapped into the student game, with the signings of

TAMMY MILLER was cele-

brating her international re-

call with mixed feelings

yesterday. Named in the Eng-

land squad for two training

matches against Germany in

a formight, the Clifton captain

admitted she is doubtful after

picking up a calf injury in a

league game last week.
Miller, 30, said she was

having intensive physiothera-

py and had been advised to

rest completely for a week.

Having decided to return de-

spite announcing her retire-

ment after the Atlanta

Olympics, Miller confirmed

that she had several con-

versations with Maggie

A midfield player who made

158 international appearances,

Miller added: "I worried

about whether or not I'd be

able to perform at the top level

but Karen Brown convinced

me that I'd only regret it if I

Brown is the world's most

capped player and herself

make a comeback after the

1992 Olympics. She is one of

seven Olympians in the

squad, which will be reduced

to 16 for two matches against

the Olympic silver medal-

winners, South Korea, on

didn't come back."

Souyave, the team coach.

Adrian Spencer and Ian Hig-gins, of Cambridge

David Oxley, the SRL chairman, said: The increasing popularity of the student game is providing a growing resource for the professional game at all levels. Of 1,600

Connolly, who missed the 22-18 defeat by Hunter, will

game on November 1.

their recent goalscoring form.

HOCKEY

England welcome

return of Miller

hoping to save the stricken club, which is about to call in the liquidators as it has debts of £1 million. The plan is that

aged knee. The rugby league

authorities are still hopeful of

persuading the Australian

Rugby League to release both

Connolly and Jason Robin-

son, also of Wigan, for the

three-match series of interna-

tionals - to be refereed by

Phil Houston, of New Zea-

land - against the Australian

Super League team next

HENRY PAUL, the Wigan Warriors fly-half, who struggled with a back injury for much of the past season, has had a further setback after X-rays revealed that his arm was broken during Wigan's defeat by Hunter Mariners in the quarter-finals of the world club championship last Friday. Paul, 23, will have the arm in plaster for a month.

players who competed last Club, the rugby league club's year. 1.000 were new to the landlords last season, will take

Paul out for month

game."

Paul's club colleague, Gary

A consortium at Oldham is with new financial backers raising funds and paying players under contract.

Another club nursing a

grievance is Llanelli, who are

seeking to enlist the support of

the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) following their £10,000

fine by European Rugby Cup Ltd. The club has written to

the WRU and will continue to

challenge the validity of the

fine because "we are not satisfied as to the legality of they way we have been treat-

chief executive, said. "We were

fined the same as Pau but we

were not as guilty as them. We were reactive rather than pro-

active. I am not condoning

what happened but if you are

in France and getting no protection from the referee

thoughts recently, after the successful share offer which,

after a slow start, raised

£512,000. Debts were cleared by the sale of the Stradey Park ground to the WRU but the

club needed working capital to move forward and did not want to sell its remaining

assets, the players. "We have

driven income up, raised a record £200,000 from season

ticket sales and quadrupled

money from sponsorship.

Elsewhere John Hart, the

New Zealand coach, has confirmed that Zinzan Brooke will

tour Britain later this autumn

despite joining Harlequins.

Brooke, 32, signed a two-year contract at the Stoop after

indicating that he would not be available for the 1999

☐ Scott Hastings, Scotland's

most-capped player, has been recalled by Edinburgh to face

Perpignan in the European

Conference at Goldenacre this

weekend. Hastings is one of four changes, with Duncan Hodge reverting to fly half.

Gallacher said.

then you have to react." Financial matters have been uppermost in the club's

Stuart Gallacher, the

Martyn Crompton, the Oldham scrum half, who is being pursued by Salford Reds and Halifax Blue Sox said: "I have discussed terms with both clubs. We've been told by Oldham that they can't pay see a specialist next week to our wages and we have now determine whether surgery will be needed on his damfilled in the required redun-

dancy forms." Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said: "I am doing all I can to save the situation."

Ian Stott, the Oldham chairman, said: "Nothing can happen until the Bears' shareholders approve the liquidation in three weeks. In the meantime, we will keep an eye on the situation."

over the daily administration,

wages to retain the remaining

BOXING

Hamed prepares American move

October 30 and the televised NASEEM HAMED has described his World Boxing Souyave admits the week-Organisation (WBO) featherend in Germany will be a weight championship defence make-or-break occasion for a against José Badillo, of Puerto Rico, on Saturday as his number of the squad. "I want to see how some of the "British finale", amid growing younger players settle in speculation that it will be his alongside the experienced last appearance in this counones and if they can reproduce try for the foreseeable fut-

There's no doubt that there's a meeting Badillo in Sheffield this weekend — and presuming lot of potential in the party." The months ahead are also a busy time for players with that he wins - Frank Warren. Hamed's promoter, will aninternational aspirations. Souyave has made it clear that she nounce that the boxer's next expects complete commitment contest will be against Kevin Kelley, of the United States, in from those just selected, as well as from the under-21 New York in December. players who are resting and

several others on the fringe. She added: "Players know I'm not messing around. If they haven't got the appetite for the World Cup in Holland next May and the Commonwealth Games in September, something is desperately

SOURCHING IS USIFICIALLY WORDS.

BRIGARD: M Clawfow (Carrestury), J Empson (Carrestury), J, Culliont (Chlon).

I Miler (Citron). T Cutien (Hoptsonn), L Youngs (Ipswich) S Blente (Locester), L Youngs (Ipswich) S Blente (Locester), L Eccester). J Birnson (Loughborough Students). K Brown (Slough), L Copelland (Slough), M M Micholis (Slough), J Smith (Slough), M M Micholis (Slough), J Smith (Slough), M Davies (Suton), J Smith (Slough) M Massacritestis).

By Our Sports Staff

It is expected that after the could not do that.

Hamed said yesterday: They're getting the finale in Sheffield and I am glad the last one before America is in Sheffield [Hamed's home city]. I want to show the Sheffield public what they deserve to see it's a great bill and I am

Of Kelly, who is widely regarded as one of more credible challengers to his title, Hamed said: "I want to go to New York and shut him np on his own patch in Madison Square Garden." First, though, he must over-

come Badillo, the WBO's No I

contender, who has replaced Victor Llerena, of Colombia, and who brings with him a formidable reputation, having put Tom Johnson, the former International Boxing Federation champion, on the floor three times on his way to a split-decision defeat earlier in his career. Hamed, when he beat Johnson in February.

In an unusual display of respect, Harned admitted: "I am looking forward to meeting some good opposition and to having a good scrap, but the prediction I made eight weeks ago still stands. I'll knock him out inside three rounds."

Hamed was dismissive of Chris Eubank, who contests the WBO super-middleweight championship against Joe Calzaghe on the same bill. Hamed corrected one journalist who suggested that Eubank could steal his thunder, saying: "He's not on the same bill,

he's on my undercard. "I feel Chris Eubani, is a fraud. It's good for him to come back now and realise that he's come back humble. I think he will struggle - not that I want him to do that - I want him to box on my undercard again."

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FA CARLSBERG VASE First round proper draw! Willington v Stociton; Skelmerstele United V West Audiend Town; South Sheide v Checklerton; East Manchester or Cheadle Town v Rossendale-United; Tow Law Town v St Helens Town; Radcaster Albion v Granethorpe Miners Welfare or Thacidey, Putchoe Town v Brossendale-United; Tow Law Town v St Helens Town; Radcaster Albion v Granethorpe Miners Welfare or Thacidey, Putchoe Town v Brossendale-United; Tow Law Town v St Helens Town; Radcaster Albion v Granethorpe Miners Welfare or Thacidey, Putchoe Town v Brodsworth; Prodoc Town v Brossington Mehin; Seatham Red Star v Helf Road Pangers, Larour Roofing Boldon CAv Boode; Borrowesh Victoria v Northallerion; Essington Colley v Burcocopii; Glasshouw Athalo v Riff M Newcastie; Helbourn v Chester-le-Street Town; Callic, Billingham Synthonia v Eccleshii United; Cesideton Cabriels v Marske United or Consett; Hattled Main v Narmhorpe Welfare v Wordenselledt; Bridgnorth Town v Boldmere S McCheels; Severest and Lloyde: v Roosenter, Blackstone v Cogenhou Pelasti United; Nuries Stackstone v Cogenhou Pelasti Town; Crasstown; Lye Town v Stoupport Suetis; Newport Pagnell Town v Stoupport Suetis; Newport Pagnell Town v Stoupport Suetis; Newport Pagnell Town v Stoupport Town; Concord Rangers S Spource Mehiton United v Concord Rangers S Spource Mehiton United v Concord Rangers V Stoupport Woodenidge Town; Southern Woodenidge Town; Southern Woodenidge Town v Southern Monton United v Sudown Wenderson; Norwich United v Sudown Wenderson; Norwich United v Sudown Wenderson; Norwich United v Sudown Wenderson; Monday's late results

DR MARTIENS LEAGUE CUP. Preliminary round, first leg: Worcester 6 Stafford 3. DR MARTIENS LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round, first log: Worcester 6 Staturd 3. STH-MAN LEAGUE: Premise division: Department and Rectardge 2 Bishop's Stortland 1. First division: Bognor 2 Whyteleste 0
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SPANISH LEAGUE: Monda 1 Bellis 3. SPANIST LEAGUE: Morida 1 Bets 3.
PORTUGUESE: LEAGUE: Farense
Boavista 0: Vizora Scalbel 1 Porto 1. ANGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independente 0 Platense C. Glamassa de July C. Boca Jumos S. Estudiantes de Plate Nespellis Cid Boys C. Colon 2 Unior 1. River Plate 2 Girmasia y Tro C, Lanus 2 Rionig Calo 1; Rossaro Central O Girmasia y Esprima 10;

Woodbridge Town v Southend Menor; Whitton Intelled v Weetlestonic Wootbon Blue Cross v Edgwere Town: Ford United v Sudbury Wenderers; Norwich United v Welvyn Garden City; Aveley v St. Neots Town; Stottold v Meidon Town; Hasten v Witham Town; Amerikan Town v Bowers United: Town, Hoddesdon Town v Bowers United: Town; Hotolesdon Town v Bowers United: Town; Town v Router Bitmsdown Powers or Milton Reynes v Great Welsenbridge Towers; Wartoys Town v Basidon United or Newmerket. Town; Hamel Hempsteed v Newmerket. Town; Hamel Hempsteed v Newmerket. Town; Hamel Hempsteed v

don v Romford. Third division: Tring v Wingate and Finchley.

FA CARL/SBERG VASE: Second round qualifying replayer. Consett v Marsler, hossington Mein'v Hastingden; Mark K.A. v Sandwell; Milton Keynes v Brimsdown.

AVON INSUITANCE COMBINATION. First division: Cheriton v West Harn (20); Inswich v Millwell (7 0), Portsmouth v Tottenhem (7 0); Southernotton v Guesse Park Rengers (at Statewood; Walford v Chelsea (at Northwood PC); Winbledon v Swendon (at Plough Lane; 20).

PONTRY'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Aston Vita v Blimingham (7 0), Leads v Stefflied Worlnesday (at Heints Town PC, 7.0); Nottingham Forest v Uverpool (7.0); Transfers v Preston (7.0). First division: Othern v Botton (7.0). Sectorid division: Blackpool v Strewsbury (7 0); Carisles v Burnisy (7 0); Streifield Util V Rochalies (7.0); Wirechett v Stockpoot (7.0); Transferd division: Bury v Newcastis; Wagan v Scarborough (7.0). League Cup: Group bee; Scarborough (7.0). ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH.

GOLF

HOCKEY

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By RICHARD HOBSON

STAN COLLYMORE could be given a £25,000 fine when he returns to Aston Villa from England duty next week Collymore was dismissed against Bolton Wanderers four days ago and Brian Linle, the Villa manager, who has delayed imposing punishment until after the World Cup game in Rome, is likely to fine his troubled striker the equivalent of two weeks'

Collymore threw a punch at Andy Todd and already faces three-match ban, putting him out of the FA Carling Premiership fixtures against Wimbledon, Arsenal and

"Whatever the fine is will be ween the player and maner. Stan has got no defence d must accept the conseuences," Little said. Collymore will, however, be available for the Uefa Cup econd-round, first-leg match gainst Athletic Bilbao on ctober 21, which falls during s domestic ban.

Steve Stone is ready to edge his long-term future to ottingham Forest after talks n London between Paul Stretford, his agent, and club officials. The midfield player, apped nine times by Engand before a serious knee njury last year, has agreed a 2-year contract with the Nationwide League first diviion leaders. Stone, 26, is due o make his comeback after ive weeks out with a hernia njury in a reserve game gainst Liverpool tonight.

Andy Townsend, the Ireand captain, will miss the Vorld Cup qualifying group ight tie against Romania in Dublin on Saturday because f a knee injury. Tommy Vright and Danny Griffin ave pulled out of the Northrn Ireland squad for the roup nine match in Portugal or similar reasons, while ingland have lost Marcus łall, Michael Duberry and truce Dyer for their Euroualifying tie against Italy in

Finals in France may represent last chance for experienced England players

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Ince confronts a shrinking world

OLIVER HOLT



on the determination of the old brigade

SOME of the England squad turned down the chance of a fishing trip on Monday afternoon and went to the cinema instead. They watched a film about a group of men striving to overcome past disappoint-ments and rescue their selfesteem with one grand strut on the big stage. Some of those who made their way back to their hotel at Burnham Beeches that evening found themselves identifying with the characters in The Full Monty. In the days since Manchester United's victory

over Juventus last week, the old-timers in the squad have watched as observers penned their paeans of praise to youth and rejoiced in the fact that Gary Neville, David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt are ready to lead English football into the brightest of futures.

They have listened as Neville and Beckham, intoxicated by the confidence of never having known failure, made bold by the expectation of success, spoke bullishly about the time having come for England to make their actions speak louder than their words. They have heard them talk about how there is nothing to fear from men such as Gianfranco Zola and Paolo Maldini, how they are nothing

They know, too, that if England fail in Rome and fall by the wayside in the play-offs, Neville and Beckham and players such as Robbie Fowler



Le Saux, who underlined the threat presented by Zola, poses at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

and Steve McManaman will have other chances to qualify for the World Cup finals. For them, though, Japan and South Korea in 2002 will be a tournament too far. Italy versus England in Rome is their last chance and they have to

In the end, it was Paul Ince who spoke out for the old brigade at Bisham Abbey yesterday. He pointed out that Tony Adams, for all the effort he has given, all the blood and sweat that he has shed, has

never played in the World Cup. Teddy Sheringham has never appeared on football's biggest stage either, nor has Ian Wright, for so long one of England's most celebrated exponents of the striking

All of them, Ince said, know that this is their last chance to make it. The finals, with their four-year cycle, drop heavy hints of mortality for a player's career each time they come around and the Liverpool captain said that, even at 29; he was vulnerable to them,

People say to me that there is still the next time for me," Ince said, "but I know that realistically that is not true. There are other younger players coming through in midfield positions all the time, people like Butty and Becks, and I will be 34 next time. I think maybe the more experienced players will be even more keyed up for the game in Rome because we realise how

"This is my time. This is the chance for me to go out knowing that I achieved everything I aimed for. I have looked round the squad and seen Teddy, Tony and Wrighty and for us to end our careers knowing that we have never appeared in the World Cup is unthinkable. That is the pinnacle for everybody and this time I feel a lot stronger and better equipped

"I have had a great career

to deal with it.

anything else. It is the sort of thing you can point to when you have retired and enjoy. Too many times in the past we have come so close but failed. Against Germany in Euro 96 and Holland in 1993, we have been right on the edge but not near enough. Now this is the best chance we have of putting the record straight."

Almost as if to fit in with this older, wiser mood of circumspection, much of the talk at the camp yesterday, the eve of the departure for Rome, centred around the damage to the dream of qualification that could be wrought by Zola. If others have attempted to knock him down in recent days, he was built up yester-

day.
"Whether he is playing well
or not," Glenn Hoddle, the can always change it with a bit

'For us to end our careers without playing in the World Cup is unthinkable'

of magic. We have those types of players as well but he is a major threat. We have learnt certain things about him by watching him week in and week out at Chelsea, like how much possession he gets from throw-ins. That little bit of genius he has got -- you never know when that is going to happen."

Graeme Le Saux, another who, particularly with the emergence of Phil Neville, might be facing his last chance to make England's starting line-up in a World Cup, also devoted his thoughts to his Chelsea team-mate.

After paying tribute to Zola, both as a person and a player, Le Saux was asked if he read any significance into the fact that the diminutive Italian had been spotted recently carrying a John le Carré novel under his arm. "That is for him to stand on," Le Saux

Referee for Rome confirmed by Fifa

MARIO VAN DER ENDE, England's World Cup match against Italy in Rome on Saturday. Fifa, the sport's world governing body, said yesterday that it saw no reason to reconsider his appointment for the vital group two qualifying fixture.

A newspaper report at the weekend suggested Van der Ende might not be suitable to take charge because of his liking of all things Italian. which he admitted in a recent article in a Dutch magazine. Van der Ende, 41, a part-time teacher, was also said to be a close friend of an Italian member of Fifa's referees

commission. "Mario has refereed many big matches over the past fer years," a Fifa spokesman said yesterday. There's a major difference between having a general liking for a country and giving it an advantage out on the pitch. This story is too far-fetched to think about."

Ryan Giggs, the Man-chester United winger, could lead Wales in their group seven qualifying match against Belgium in Brussels on Saturday. With Gary Speed, the captain, and Mark Hughes, his probable replacement, suspended, Giggs, 23, is favourite to become the youngest player to lead the Principality since Mike England, the Tottenham Hotspur centre half, was given the honour when

Adrian Williams could play in two games this weekend. He travels with the Wales squad for the qualifying game against Belgium on Saturday, while Wolver-hampton Wanderers are making special arrangements to fly the central defender home from Brussels ahead of the official return journey to enable him to play in the Nationwide League first division game against Birmingham City on

CRICKET: SUSSEX FAVOURED TO CAPTURE SERVICES OF THE AUSTRALIA LEG SPINNER AFTER PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS

Warne doubts removed

BY SIMON WILDE

USTIN ROBERTSON, the gent for Shane Warne, has cotched fears that the Austraa leg spinner will not, after ll, be playing county cricket i England next year. Roberton, who is based in Australia, as assured the three counties ying for Warne's services that e will definitely sign for one

Northamptonshire, Notting-hamshire and Sussex was wearing thin two weeks ago when Warne put back his self-appointed deadline on a decision for a fifth time he had originally said he would make a decision at the end of July, in the middle of the Test series in England. One club official had

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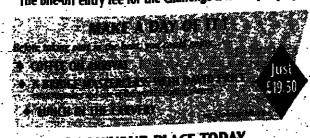
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The patience of officials at said: "I would be half-surprised if he came to anybody." But Robertson has been in touch with the counties to reassure them of Warne's intentions and his verdict is expected within the next ten

days: It could even come as

early as the weekend in a Sunday tabloid newspaper. "I spoke briefly to Austin last week and it is simply a matter of Shane making a decision." Steve Coverdale, the Northamptonshire chief exec-

utive, said yesterday. "It's a frustrating time at the moment but his agent has said that he is 100 per cent sure to play county cricket next year." David Gilbert, the new Sussex

director of cricket, said. The arrival of Gilbert, an Australian, at Hove has strengthened the view that Sussex will win the race. Their offer is being brokered by Tony Greig, now resident in Australia, and includes the captaincy. Warne wants to work with developing players and the coast may suit his young family.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARY JOE FERNANDEZ

of the United States, defeated

Anke Huber, the former champion of Germany, 6-4, 6-4 yesterday in a first round

match at the Filderstadt WTA

broke back in the fourth and

eighth games to tie at 4-4

tournament.

Fernandez.

Pakistan grateful for impact made by Test newcomers

By Our Sports Staff

PAKISTAN unveiled another impressive new arrival on the international stage on the second day of the first Test against South Africa in Rawalpindi. Azhar Mahmood followed the century scored by Ali Naovi, who is also making his debut, by scoring 72

not out. His innings helped Paki-stan to reach 345 for nine in their first innings. The 29 scored by Mohammad Ramzan meant that three newcomers have contributed 216 of Pakistan's total.

Mahmood helped Pakistan to recover from 231 for eight as he shared in a ninth-wicket partnership of 74 with Wagar Younis, who made 45, his best

Mahmood, an all-rounder, struck a six and five fours in his 173-ball innings while Waqar was in a more attacking mood, hitting five fours and two sixes from the 81 balls that he faced. He passed his

Fernandez remained calm firing steady baseline shots

waiting for the German to

make mistakes. She broke

Huber's service in the ninth

game after fighting from deuce four times, then held

her own in the tenth to take

the match.

previous best of 34, against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1995-96, by hitting Allan Donald for a six over the long-

leg boundary.

However, Waqar had a taste of his own medicine when he was trapped leg-

SCOREBOARD

Total (9 wids) ______345 FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-114, 3-135, 4-152, 5-196, 6-206, 7-230, 8-231, 9-305. 4-182, 5-196, 6-206, 7-230, 8-231, 9-305.
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15-4-58-1; Pollock: 31-11-62-3; McMidlan:
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sia, produced a fine display to

beat Barbara Schett, of Aus-

tria, 6-3, 7-6 in the first round.

Lorna Woodroffe, of

Surrey, heads the British

team that will be seeking a

record fifth successive win

over the United States in the

Maureen Connolly Trophy in

Steady Fernandez turns on the power

before by an inswinging yorker by Shaun Pollock After the departure of Wagar, Mahmood found another dependable partner in Mushtaq Ahmed and the pair added 40

Pakistan resumed on 216 for

six but soon lost two wickets.

Moin Khan was first to go when Donald, after a barrage of bouncers, bowled one of full length to dismiss him leg-before for 12. Saglain Mushtaq went in the same manner before he had scored to give Poliock a third wicket. The South Africa attack was depleted after Brett Schultz, the left-arm pace bowler, sustained a shoulder injury while fielding and was unable to bowl.

Brett had complained of a little pain in the shoulder last evening but when he got up this morning, he found that he just couldn't move his bowling shoulder," S.K. Reddy, the South Africa manager, said.

shire, Abigail Tordoff, of

Kent, and the Essex duo,

Mandy Wainwright and

Amanda Janes complete the

British team captained by the

former Wimbledon champi-

on, Ann Jones, in this annual

match for players of 21 and

TENNIS: HUBER BATTLES HARD BUT FAILS TO REPEAT HER EARLIER TRIUMPHS

Bombay. He added that there was no evidence of leading players being involved. An independent inquiry by a former chief justice of India. which has been backed by India's cricket administrators, was

launched earlier this year into alleged player involvement in match-fixing. It followed claims by the former India allrounder, Manoj Prabhakar, that he was offered money by a team-mate to ensure that India lost to Pakistan in a limited-overs tournament in 1994.

Indian police extend

match-fixing inquiry

INDIAN police are to extend investigations into allegations

of match-fixing and illegal betting in cricket after a series of

arrests in Calcutta. District superintendent of police, Surajit

Kar Purakayastha, said the investigation, which is taking

place at the same time as an independent inquiry into allegations that Indian players have been involved in fixing results, would be extended to other cities including Delhi and

Television go-ahead

FOOTBALL: The Football Association last night stressed that there would be no formal objection to Scotland's World Cup fixture with Latvia being broadcast live on Saturday. With the rights to the Scotland game being sold to Channel 5 rather than BBC Scotland, it means that the match — a 3.00pm kick-off at Celtic Park — will be broadcast throughout Great Britain, instead of Scotland alone, and is now in direct competition with Nationwide League matches.

Although the English Football League voiced concern about the match being televised, it has been agreed that its importance should override concerns about its effect on Nationwide League attendances. If Scotland win, they will qualify for the finals in France next year.

Munro impresses

ORIENTEERING: Heather Munro, of Great Britain, won the Park World Tour race in Czesky Krumlov yesterday. beating Lucy Bohm, of Austria, the world short-course champion, into second place. The series leader, Gunilla Svard, from Sweden, finished third. Competitors raced through the twisting streets of the picturesque Czech town and Munro's time of 18min 47sec beat Bohm by almost half a minute, consolidated her in third place in the overall standings and moved her within range of the silver-medal position before the series finale through the streets of Venice

Global ambition

CRICKET: China, Japan and other Asia-Pacific countries are to be the target of a crusade led by Australia and New Zealand to find new cricket nations. Malcolm Speed, the Australian Cricket Board's new chief executive, outlined the project at the launch of the Australian season at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday. "This is part of the International Cricket Council's push to make cricket a global game," he said. "We are looking at a number of potential countries where we might seek to develop the game, and these include China and Japan, with their huge populations."

Repeat performance

TENNIS: Jonathan Stark, the defending champion from the United States, beat his compatriot, Michael Chang, 7-6, 7-6 in the second round of the Heineken Open in Singapore yesterday. The two had met in the final of the tournament last year, when Stark also won in straight sets. Stark now meets Jiri Novak, of the Czech Republic. Marcelo Rios, of Chile, had an easier second-round match against Justin Gimelstob, the young American, winning 6-2, 6-4.



Kournikova, of Russia, powering her way to a first-round win over Schett, of Austria

Drancy was used between 1942 and 1944 as temporary accommodation for 75,000 French Jews

who were deported to Nazi death camps. Only 2,500 survived. This is the timely repeat of a Witness film shown two years ago which explores the background to the Holocaust in France. Its shows how the French police rounded up Jews and how anti-Semitic laws were implemented by the Vichy Government. The strew is fold through the

Vichy Government. The story is told through the first hand accounts of survivors and bystanders

BBC2, 9.50pm

Those with no interest in sport, let alone rughy union, may already have dismissed this series but its theme is a compelling one which goes far beyond the field of play. Using Bafin's 1996-97 season for illustration, the programmes chart the impact of the sudden switch to professionalism on a previously amateur game. Money now rules, which means marketing men, television deals, a new logo, and even greater pressure on the players to perform. Tonight's episode follows Bath's lirst European Cup campaign, which ends in defeat at Cardiff. There is rumbling behind the scenes, as the old amateur committee tries to bed down with, the new pic and star players find that their placeless.

the new pic and star players find that their places

are no longer guaranteed. John Hall, the director of rugby, is soon looking as ashen-faced as his counterparts in soccer.

Peter Waymark

Radio 4, 11.00pm.

This half-hour slot is now split into two 15-minute programmes. The first tonight brings the return of The Shuttleworths, which is what can safely be called an acquired taste. For those who are unfamiliar with the work of Graham Fellows, who plays all the parts, if might reasonably be said that if you like Reeves and Mortimer there is every chance of liking Fellows. His John Shuttleworth persona is strangely appealing once one tunes in to the humour. Grievous Bodily Radio (at 11,15) is the first series for Jon Holmes and Andy Hurst. They technique is much like sampler records, raidinights.

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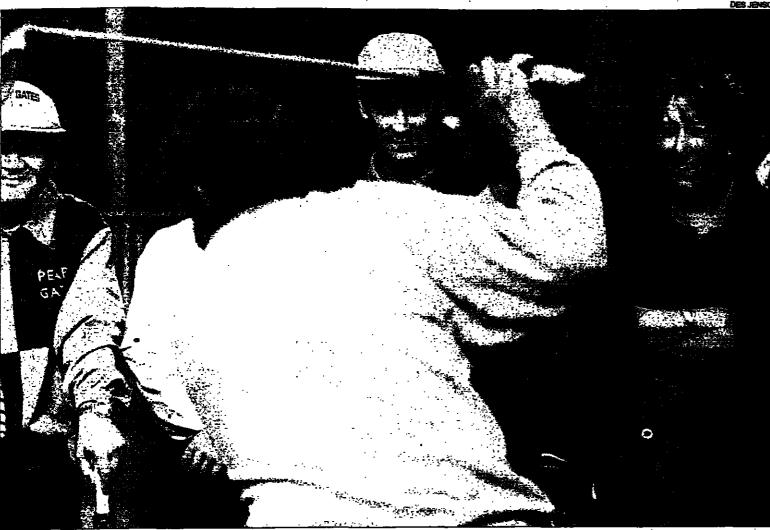
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The Rugby Club BBC2, 9.50pm

Late Night Opening

Radio 4, 11.00pm

Urbanising the cougar



Montgomerie, watched by the Lynne Truss, right, displays his technique yesterday while preparing for the Toyota World Match Play Championship

Hunger drives not-so-full Monty

get too technical here. Either you find this sort of thing interesting or you don't. But yesterday morning at Wentworth, Colin Wentworth, Montgomerie gave a really dangerous tip to a dozen amateurs.

"I always do the full backswing." he explained first. drawing the club back, grip in place, weight distributed, head. down. And then, as the clubhead dangled ahead of him, a few degrees below the horizontal, he said: "And then, when I see the clubhead out of the corner of my eye, I say:

This may not be big news to many people, but to several of us listening, it was dynamite. "You mean to say, you take your eye off the ball?" we marvelled, remembering every single golf instruction manual that tells you never ever — to look up. "I know, I know," he said, "but it's only for an instant.

"For me, it's part of the timing. I see the clubhead and: That's it. Go.' Besides, you don't need to look at the ball in order to hit it." At which point.

Lynne Truss enjoys a tasty portion of golfing and dietary advice from Colin Montgomerie at Wentworth

felt very, very humble. Blimey.

why didn't anyone ever tell me

with absolute assurance, he closed his eyes and knocked a six-iron further than our open eyes could follow it.

organised by Ebel (the Swiss watch people) and watched by a tiny crowd on Wentworth's damp practice ground, before the big Toyota World Match Play Championship stuff later on this

Monty was relaxed and chatty, answering anoracky questions about his clubs, showing us his loose putting grip, not even backfooted by

well-meant observations beginning with those dread trigger words "major", "won", "never" and "you've". At one point, he indicated Ernie Els behind us on the driving range, wheeling his arms in that beautiful, effortless are of his. "Ernie doesn't hit the "The ball just gets in the way."

We nodded. We laughed. We along the lines of "Izzy Whizzy

Let's Get Busy".

Yet here he was preaching

all sorts of heresies, such as to

glance up, hit with our eyes

closed, don't swivel your hips. forget your hands and above

about more than two of these

In this week of build-up to the un-

certainties of Rome,

it's nice to see some-

one so happily trail-

ing clouds of glory as

Monty was yester-

day. Compared with

a major tournament,

swing, but he's never looked

down the barrel of the Ryder

Valderrama, the American

team had a banner in their

Cup's 1st tee.

Colin Montgomerie was so Whether such a nice chap should be playing merry bananas with the orthodoxies dinned into us amateur golfers is another matter, of course.

> We play for five hours a day, which leaves 19 for eating. Look, there's a burger van ...

> > Personally, I know that if I he says, the pressure of a looked up to check the Ryder Cup is "times ten" -the downswing, I would get vertigo and fall over backwards, topping the ball in the process. What we secretly wanted Monty to tell us, suspect, was the same old "Head down and don't press" tation to recite mentally -

wholeheartedly) may have been counter-productive, encouragement-wise.
Finally, I can't suppress the

big question any more. "Col-in," I blurt. "How did you lose 38lbs in a fortnight?" "I kept my mouth shut," he says, and ats a big laugh. The true figure, it turns out, was 20lbs in 17 days, which he says he achieved just through ignor-ing the siren calls of junk all (impossible), don't think

"You see, we play golf for five hours a day, which leaves, well, 19 for eating. There's a burger van over there," he adds, and there is, he's right, good heavens, he's spotted

"Does the loss of weight affect the golf, though?" I persist. "I mean, you need weight behind the shot, don't you?" But he is quick to realise what's happening here — that an over-large woman is fishing for a novel excuse not to diet. "I played through it," he assures me. "Losing a lot of Monty tells us that, at weight all at once can affect people's golf, yes. But personally I was fine." "Thanks, Colin," I mean to say, but

Witness: Drancy Channel 4, 9.00pm

Last week the Roman Catholic Church in France publicly apologised to the country's Jews for its complicity in 73,000 Holocaust deaths. The plea to "hear our words of repentance" was made from Drancy, the site of a wartime concentration camp in Paris. Originally designed as a housing estate.

explain why he shot Jews, nor express guilt.

America's big cat is coming in from the wild. For centuries the mountain lion, or cougar, was hunted and killed. Now hunting is widely banned and as urban sprawl threatens its natural territory the mountain lion is regularly to be found in streets and gardens looking for food. This is no fox or badger but a dangerous beast that can kill an animal eight times its size. Deer, livestock and pets are its favoured targets, but it goes for human beings as well. Children are most at risk, though so far there have been no fatalities. Nathaniel Moore.

beings as well. Children are most at risk, indugit so far there have been no fatalities. Nathaniel Moore, a 12-year-old who was seriously injured in an attack, is maturely philosophical: "I don't hate mountain lions. He was just hungry." Iris Kenna, a Californian schoolteacher, was less forumate, savaged and killed while walking in a park. Another woman, pursued by two lions, made her escape by shinning up a tree.

BBC2, 9.00pm.

First-hand accounts continue to provide the most arresting material as Laurence. Rees's series reaches the Holocaust. To the big question posed at the start, how such barbarity could have happened, the film struggles to provide an answer. The timing is easier to propoint. Persecuting Jews was one thing. Planning their systematic extermination was something else. Rees suggests that the key to this radical change in policy was the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. The killing squads were directed by Reinhold Heydrich, a cold-blooded murderer who exuded great charm, as one elderly female witness recalls. But the most chilling testimony comes from a member of one of the squads who can neither explain why he shot Jews, nor express guilt.

The Nazis — A Warning From History

BBC2.9.00pm. -

The House in Gallows Lane Radio 4, 2.00pm

The second series featuring Sir Donald Sinden as Dr Gideon Fell, the unconventional "denetive" created by the novelist John Dickson Carr. The mark of Fell's work is a surreal, magical quality and he is a dab hand at solving crimes that dely logic. The House in Gallows Lane is a two-parter (continuing next Wednesday) which is taken from the novel Til Death Us Do Part. It is set in 1936 and concerns the consequences of a fortune-teller making a series of startling and accurate predictions, including the presence in a village of a isoner, engaged to a local man, who is suppose to have done away with three husbands already. John Hartley plays Superintendent Hadley, and Richard Todd and Robert Portal also appear.

1.00cm Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Movies

6.00mm Sarah Kernedy 7.30 Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 Pastures 9.30 Gurs of Navarone 10.00 Richard Attenborough: My Life in Film 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

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VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Nick Abbot 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00mm Jeremy Clark 4.00 FM Robin Banks AM Nicky Home 7.00 PM Paul Coyte AM Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forcet 2.00mm Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1,00mm inn Collins

6.00mm Alen Menn 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.80 Concerto. Menuel de Falla (Nights in the Gerden of Spain) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsright with Johy Brunning 7.30 Sonate, Schumenn (Violin Sonata No 1 in Aminor) 9.00 World Pieno Competition. Richard Baker presents lest night's grand linet from London's Royal Festival Hall 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.80 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes.
Spohr (Violin Concerto No 8 in A minor); Mczeit
(Clarinet Concerto in A)
9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Monteverdi
(Laetalus Sum); Hendel (Oboe Concerto No 3 in
G minor); Beethoven (Grosse Fuge)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes.
Includes Corell (Concerto grosso in C); Martinu
(Rhapsody-Concerto); Schutz (Germen
Magnificat); Britten (Lachrymee)
12.00 Composers of the Weets: Dutry, Binchols and
Their Contemporaries, with Christopher Page

12.00 Composers of the Week: Dutay, Binchols and Their Contemporaries, with Christopher Page 1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. London Winds. Ligeti (Six. Begatelles); Francaix (Quertet for Fute, Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon); Nielsen (Wind Quintet) 2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe 4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Rochester Cathedral 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferly. Includes Copland (Fantaire for the Common Man); Tippett (Concerto for Double String Orchestra)

7.30 Performance on 3. Steven Isseriis, cello, Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique under John Blot Gardiner, Schurnann (Overture, Genoveva: Cello Concerto In A minor, Symphony

No 2 in C)

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10.00 Ensemble. Katherine Gowers, violin, and Charles Owen, piano. Beethoven (Violin Sonala in E.fat). Schamann (Violin Sonala in 1 in A minor).

10.45 Night Warve. The poet and biographer Andrew Motion tells to Richard Coles about his new study of Keats.

11.30 Composers of the Weet: Scheenberg, Berg and Waltern (Sounding the Contary) (7).

12.38em Jazz Motes. Steve and Julian Anguelles lead their quintet in a concert given at this year's Kingston-apon-Hill Jazz. Fastival (1/2).

1.00 Through the Hight, with Donald Macland.

5.55am (LW) Shipping 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 6.45 Flunning in the Family (35) 8.56 Weather 9.00 News 8.05 Mildweek, with the Times columnist

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10.00 (FMT) News; The Windy See (4/4)
10.00 (LW) Daily Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day
10.30 Woman's Hour, Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time ()
12.00 News; You and Youst, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Eastern Mix (5/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Carke
1.40 The Archers (†) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The House in Gallows Lane: The
Fortune Teller. See Choice
2.45 News; Letters from St Helens

Ritchie reports from St Helens 3.00 News; the Atternoon Stritt, with Daire Breten 4.05 Kaletdoscope. Paul Germbacchi sees Gary Oldmen's directorial debut Nii by Mouth 4.45 Short Story: Now and Forever, by Lans Caron 5.50 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Cleck News 6.30 Round British Quiz (1) 7.00 News 7.95 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite and his beam (1) 7.45 North and South: Travels Along the Irish Border, with Colm Tolbin 8.15 Gleen to Gibre: Tullymby Castle 8.45 leaheds and Swamon (2/6)

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MacLaverty (3/7)
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11.15 Grievous Bedity Radio. See Choice
11.30 My Life as a Car. A cornedy series (1)
12.00 Nears 12.30mm The Late Book: The Drowned.
World. J.G. Beatard's classic adventure, read by
Nicholas Farrell. Abridged by Oliver Reynolds
(1/10) (1)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Services

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team room proclaiming: "Losball," he said, approvingly. but with a patent Celtic incansomehow it comes ing is worse than death", which he thinks (and I agree "Damn."

SAILING: FRENCHMAN DOMINATES FIRST LEG OF SINGLE-HANDED TRANSATLANTIC RACE

on Financial Dynamics.

found herself a mile from the

start line at Brest, hoisting a

new spinnaker that she had not even had time to take out

of its sailbag. It was only then that she discovered that it had

been made to about three-

"It was a disaster. I almost

quarters of its required size.

cried when I saw it," she said yesterday while having lunch with Turner, who finished on

Monday afternoon, in ninth

place. That spinnaker was

unlucky from the start," she

added, "Every time I put it up

he chartered only 12 days

before the start, has done well

to finish in the top ten. With the race scored on total elapsed time, a top-five finish

is certainly within his grasp. However, he will be hoping

for atypical trade-wind conditions on the next leg, with as much reaching and upwind work as possible since his

boat, Carphone Warehouse, tends to bury her nose going downwind, as a result of her

keel being fractionally too far

The first-leg winner, and by

a good margin, was Sébastien

Magnen, of France. Another of the favourites, the French-

man Thomas Coville, did well

after losing both his spinna-

kers in the first three days.

something went wrong." Turner, sailing a boat that

Bad luck dogs MacArthur

BY EDWARD GORMAN SALLING CORRESPONDENT

MARK TURNER and Ellen MacArthur, the two Britons competing in the Mini-Transat single-handed transatlantic race, have enjoyed mixed fortunes in the first leg, with MacArthur finishing in 26th place when she sailed into Tenerife vesterday.

The race has been a learning experience that has left

MacArthur disappointed but start. As a result MacArthur, still determined to improve in the 2,700-mile second leg to Martinique, which starts on October 19, and to go on from there into a campaign for the Around Alone single-handed round-the-world race next

Her troubles stemmed from rushed preparation, which itadequate sponsorship money

self resulted from a lack of until very shortly before the

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42 HELLION

WEAPS ATLANTIC SPORT

(c) Also hellyon. US colloquial. A troublesome or disreputable person; a mischievous child. Probably a variant of the Scottish hallitylon, a senry knave or scullion. MOPPLE

MOPPLE.

(c) A street song of the Cape Malays, The Afrikaans adaptation of the Dutch mopje a ditty. "Moppies are little songs (often of doubtful content) sung in order to challenge, deride, or irritate the listener, or merely as a foolery. When singing a moppie, the singer often includes a person's name, and if the person referred to cannot respond in similar vein, he is laughed at by all present."

(b) An Ancient Greek silver coin. "The sixth" (sc. moiru part) of a stater. "An electrum helde with the type of a crouching lion and a hemihekte with the type of a winged monster."

LUNGGOMPA (b) A Tibetan monk who is believed to have the mystical power of walking many miles at great speed without stopping. Transliteration of the Tibetan. "Lung-gom-pas are the wind men' — monks who, after years of extreme asceticism and strengous preparation, succeed in freeing themselves almost completely from the weight of the human frame and are therefore able to travel hundreds of miles in a

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Qxg2+! 2 Qxg2 Rxf)+ 3 Ng1 Bxg2+ and Black wins easily on material.

Dutch make pitstop to repair whale damage Innovation Kvaerner, Mer-

AS THE leaders in the Whitbread Round the World race converge on the island of Fernando de Noronha 200 miles off the Brazilian coast, BrunelSunergy have decided to make a "pitstop" in Recife.

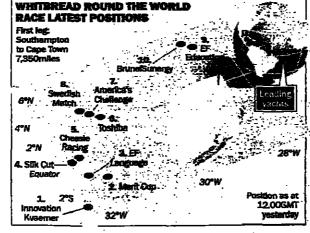
to replace their rudder (Edward Gorman writes). Hans Bouscholte, the skipper, took the decision which effectively puts the Dutch boat out of the first leg, after

the boat was damaged last Sunday when it hit a whale.

fleet leaders, are beating into freshening headwinds of up to 20 knots as they race towards Fernando de Noronha which they leave to port, before heading south-south-east towards the second rounding point of Trindade from where they turn southeast towards Cape Town. Silk Cut, the British boat

it Cup and EF Language, the

skippered by Lawrie Smith, remains in fourth place ahead of Chessie Racing.



DISTANCE TO FINISH (with miles to Cape Town): 1, innovation Kvaemer (Not) 3.738 B; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) 3.786.7; 3, EF Language (Swe) 3.801.2; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 3.893.9; 5, Cheasie Racing (US) 3.913; 6, Toshiba (US) 4.071; 7, America's Challenge (US) 4.083.5; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 4.116.9; 9, EF Education (Swe) 4.282.2; 10, BrunetSunergy (Holl) 4.281.1. to reach Tenerife in sixth place Sunergy (Holl) 4,281.1.

GUY TOWNSEND. RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT. SAVES THE TOP JOBS FOR THE WEEKEND.

ATLANTIC

NEW AT BURTON MENSWEAR

Ubiquity, thy name is Carol Vorderman

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o vets at all last night and only two Carol Vordermans. And they call this television? Vorderman One, of course, was Countdown, a show so addictive that at least one senior captain of industry takes his phone off the hook just so that he can watch her shuffle the consonants and vowels in peace.

Vorderman Two was ... well, what it would be this time. More silly gadgets? Another vanload of antique experts? Not more paranormal nonsense, please? The nation held its breath. Music and ... action! "Hello and welcome to a brand new series called ... "Yes, yes? "Mysteries with me, Carol Vorderman." What a pro she barely stumbled — Mysteries with Carol Vorderman (BBCI) it was.

And guess what mystery number one was? No, not how Vorderman manages to be on the television all the time (cleverly she

confesses in this week's Radio for absolute truth, much still Times that it's because she is cheap) but what happened to Glenn Miller? "What really hap-pened on that fateful day?" she asked, raising the tension to levels that were quite definitely

Helped by a Miller nephew who was quite happy to ham it up for the cameras ("they say he lost his first game of poker in England" it turned out to be quite an interesting ten minutes. Had Miller's plane been taken out by friendly fire, as a returning bomber squadron dumped its unused payload over the Channel? Had he died in a whorehouse, as a German writer alleged, for reasons that escaped me? Or had he simply gone away to die of an incurable wasting disease, as his nephew suggested? Questions, questions, questions. Or, as Vorderman put it, as she

stalked around an empty air

museum: "In spite of our search

happens that defies simple explanation." Such as how a scriptwriter who can come out with a line like that stays in employment.

Mystery number two, otherwise known as the man who mistook a hernia for a tumour and was so relieved when it wasn't he opted for surgery under hypnosis rather than anaesthetic, was even more exciting. For me anyway, as I discovered that I used to live two down from the hypnotherapist. "Look look it's number 37," 1 shouted. Vorderman, by now stalking around an empty operating theatre, ignored me.

A t least, for mystery three, she got to go to Florida and put on a summer frock. She was there to look at the curative effect that dolphins have on disabled children, a story that could have been swamped by sentiment. But the little girl at the centre of it

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

had had such an awful time (her twin sister had been killed by Beverly Allitt, while she was left brain-damaged) that if swimming with dolphins worked for her - as it clearly did - that was fine by me. Refreshingly, that also seemed the approach adopted by the experts. "What's your favourite animal?" asked our Carol. "Pigs." said the girl, firmly. Lovely. Six series and three episodes in is no time to start explaining the plot of Soldier, Soldier (ITV), especially if you've missed large chunks of it. Suffice it to say, it's about soldiers, members of The King's Own Fusiliers, whose main attribute is that they seem to look younger every series. Last night seemed remarkable even by its own youthful standards until I realised that under the camouflage and helmets they really were schoolchildren. It was cadet day, or "sulky teenagers run away from home day" as it is known in Ser-

geant-Major Fitzpatrick's house. Even the principal baddie seemed to be struggling to escape adolescence, an impression heightened when his siege of the army careers office came to a premature end because he needed a few puffs on his inhaler. But that's Soldier. Soldier, through and through it's deliciously mundane. Its idea of domestic drama is a row about kitchen surfaces and as for last

night's final line - any guesses from those who didn't see it? Never mind your dad, we'll have Gary round for tea next week." Who says the cliffhanger is dead?

espite all this, I rather like

Soldier, Soldier and the producers have done a good job of breathing new life into it with the help of some fresh faces. James Cosmo gives everything a certain edge as the bad-tempered, misogynist Colonel, Lucy Cohu bridles beautifully as the off-reprimanded Major Bailey and Chris Gascoyne confirms that it's not his performance that's wrong in The Locksmith, it's the writing. As Rossi, he's much better in this. But my current favourite is Michelle Butterly, whose Julie is fast turning into a Bianca. She already has the market stall, the hair and the attitude. If she could just do something about that accent.

On Channel 4, Black Bag

kicked off a new series with a firstclass documentary about female circumcision, a barbaric practice apparently given the prettier name of "cutting the rose". Produced by Liz Bloor, it was half investigative, half campaigning and, at all times, depressing. This was not so much because of the two men (one a doctor, one not) the programme unmasked as apparently willing to perform the illegal operation in this country, but because the girls are brought to them - or taken back to their country of origin for a "holiday" — by their mothers. Female circumcision is something women do to women and nobody seems inclined to stop them.

Many agencies, we learnt, are deterred from interfering by the religious or cultural significance that surrounds the practice. But, as one Somali woman brave enough to speak out about it, put it: Culture is about ideas and knowledge, not mutilation."

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite.

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7.30 Milkstrake (7071576) 7.35 USA High (r)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Macy and

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8213755) 1.00 5 News Update (99222359) 1.05 Sunset

3.30 Separate Tables (1983) with Alan Bates

6.30 Family Attains As Elsa's star continues to rise, Claire despairs at her future in

7.00 Exclusive How to choose that vital

7.30 Beastly Britain A look at a rapidly

8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage turns a small South London garden into a little

vanishing feature of village life, the duck

the pregnancy (T) (8416663)

second role (6273953)

pond (8445175)

(6282601)

8,30 5 News (6278408)

5.30 Whittle (T) (8435798)

6.00 100 Per Cent (8425311)

murder of Ivana (T) (8422934)

Thome's wedding is interrupted by the police, looking to arrest someone for the

Beach. Meg finds hersell in a inghtening

situation (T) (1472311) 2.00 5's Company

(1867458) 8.00 Havakazoo (8452175)

6.00am 5 News Early (2058779)

8.30 WideWorld (6/12) (578446)

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (53885) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82803311) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3988595) 9.30 Style Challenge (2378525) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (4357412)

7:0.35 Conservative Party Conference '97
Live coverage of the Foreign Affairs,
Detence and Trade and Industry debates

12.35pm Going for a Song (5697175) 1.00 News (T) and weather (51330) 1.30 Regional News (73779663)

1.40 The Weather Show (76181066) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (71495175) 2,10 Quincy (r) (8417021)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (6595) 3.30 Playdays (8131601) 3.50 ChuckleVision (8128137) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (6398601) 4.35 Out of Tune (8943866) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2217205) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (9616330) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (163779)

6.00 News (1) and weather (663) 6.30 Regional News (T) (243)
7.00
Animal People Peter Sissons highlights the danger posed by mountain lions, which lurk in the

backyards and driveways of suburban America (T) (8576) 7.30 Tomorrow's'. World Insight into an amazingly simple, but devastatingly effective, cancer detector, which could amezingly simple, but deva

save thousands of lives a year in Britain alone; and a report on digital terrestrial television (T) (427) 8.00 Crimebeat Martyn Lewis Investigates how banks are fighting increased credit

card traud by adopting a French "smart-8.30 The National Lottery Live (1) (555137) 8.45 Points of View (T) (578088) Followed by

the Nation's Favourite Love Poem 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (I) and weather

9 29 N tional Loti **o** (1) (928412) 9.30 The X Files: The Field Where I Died Mulder meets a mysterious woman with multiple personalities, whom he believes is the reincamation of a love from a past lite (1) (313972) ...

10.15 Chalk The staff welcome a new arrival to Galfest High, while Eric and Suzy seize the chance of making their dreams come true. Classroom cornedy, staming David Bamber and Nicola Walker (1) (845330) 10.45 The Cover Girl Murders (1993) with Lee
Majors. Six fashion models travel to a
remote island paradise for a photo-shoot
— and fall victim to a killer. Directed by James A. Contner (9591311) Followed by the Nation's Favourite Love Poem WALES: 10.45 A Touch of Classics (844601) 11.15 FILM: The Cover Girl Murders (435663) 12.40am FILM: Dekision (3589083) 2.10 News headlines

and weather (8951441) 12.10am Delusion (1991) with Jim Metzier.
Thriller about a computer whiz-kid who embezzies a fortune of his company's funds. Directed by Carl Colpaert

1.40 Weather (1008996)

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BBC2

7.15 Teletubbles (r) (6025392) 7.40 Smurts' Adventures (r) (4409359) 8.05 The Really Wild Show (r) (T) (7161359) 8.30 Penny Crayon (7535408) 8.40 Tales of Assop (2798595) 8.45 Herry and the Hendersons (r) (1) (9721779)

9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (3635514)
9.25 English Express (7263663) 9.45
Words and Pictures (8721040) 10.00
Teletubbies (10595) 10.30 Numbertime (6874953) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (6879408) 11.00 Around Scotland (5481576) 11.20 The Geography Programme (6450779) 11.40 Revista (9465514) 11.55 Oulnze Minutes Plus (5881430) 12.10pm Isabel (5954224)

12.30 Working Lunch (19779) 1.60 Noddy (32567156) 1.10 The Countryside Hour (7741663) 2.10 News (T) (77473750) 2.15 Conservative Party Conference '97 Coverage of the party reform debate from

Blackpool (803088) 3.55 News (1) and weather (3898458) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (156) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (8942137) 4.55 Esther (8861866) 5.30 Today's the Day (392)

6.00 Star Trek: The Hext Generation (r) (1) (908576) 6.45 Conference Talk (130408) 7.30 Conjuring Shaltespeare Four groups perform the storm scene in King Lear (1)

8.00 University Challenge (T) Sheffield face Aberdeen for a place in the quarter-finals (T) (5866) 8.30 The Antiques Show Searching for old

books in London's Brick Lane market; the booming trade in psychedelic art; the NEC antique fair (I) (7601) History How the invasion of the Soviet Otion in 1941 was a cetalyst



Bath Rugby Che in action (9.50pm)

The Rugby Club; late Europe Tensions begin to surface as Bath Rugby Club prepares for its most important challenge of the season — the start of the European Cup

10.30 Newsnight (T) (401021) 11.15 Over the Edge (849156) 11.45 Lost Time (633953) 12.25am Weather (1056267)

12.38 Learning Zone: The Making of Bill Oddie (1017286) 12.45 Widile: Problems with Water (9816052) 1.10 Natural Navigators (412432) 1.35 Scaling the Salt Barrier (2378070) 2.00 Schools: Techno/Job Bank (32977) 4.60 The Franch Experience (64460) 5.00 RCN Nursing Update (39644)

6 00sm GMTV (4133514) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (3984779) 9.55 Regional News (3286214) 10.00 The Time, the Place (72791) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77759021) 12.20pm Regional News (8271021) 12.30 News (1) and weather (5623972) 12.55 Shortland Street (1) (5608663)

1.25 Home and Away (1) (76068750)

1.50 Remote Control Cooking (1) (71478408) 2.20 Vanessa: | Hurt My Child (T) (74684682) 2.50 The Natural Health Show Advice on how to get fit the natural way (9451330)

3.20 News (T) (4012311) 3.25 Regional News (4011682) 3.30 Tots TV (r) (8135243) 3.40 The Parkies (9628514) 3.50 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (r) (9646345) 4.20 Extreme Ghostbusters (T) (6389953)

4.45 it's a Mystery (T) (8967446) 5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (T) (3007243) 5.10 Yan Can Cook (3007243) 5.40 News (T) and weather (339885) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (173682) 6.25 Regional Weather (606773) 6.30 Regional News (1) (311)

her recent pay rise and Turner comes to a decision about America (T) (6972) 7.30 Coronation Street Mike and Don have a showdown in the factory and Mavis's 'leaving party brings together some old friends (T) (595)

7.00 Emmerdale Chris confronts Kelly about



Caprice Bourret co-hosts (8.00pm)

8.00 The National Television Awards 1997 Trevor McDonald and Caprice Bourret host the event at the Albert Half. Includes the National Lottery result (4601) 10,00 News (T) weather and Lottery result

10.30 Regional News and weather (809779) 10.40 Basic Instinct (1992) Michael Dougla and Sharon Stone star in this erotically charged thriller in which an unconventional cop falls for the chief suspect in a murder case. Directed by Paul Verhoeven (T) (62401021)

1.00am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (69373)

1.30 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol 1.30 Hear stones of the Fightway Patrol (3606422)
1.50 Lambade: The Forbidden Dance (1990) with Laura Herring, Jeff James and Richard Lynch. Environmental drama inspired by the Latin dance craze. Directed by Greydon Clark (533064)

3.35 International Motor Racing (r) (T) (6251118) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (57538)

5:00 Coronation Street (i) (1) (26170)

As HTV West except: 12,55pm A. Country Practice (5608663) 1.24-1.25 Just a Moment (91607953) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3007243) 6.25-7.00 Central News (455069) 1.00am Film: Burning Bridges (1990). An emotional drama starring Meredith

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Barder-Birney (669828) 2.40 in Focus (5846286) 3.25 The Good Sex Guide Late (5728731) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (3203422) 5.20 Asian Eye (7228538)

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3.30 Collector's Lot (717) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (224)

4.30 Stones of the Raj (408) 5.00 5 Pump (4559953) 5.15 Ffell (2212750)

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9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (97069) 9.30 Good Health (T) (8728853)
9.45 Book Box (T) (8723408) 10.00
Stage Two Science (T) (2574021) 10.15
Rati-a-Tat-Tat (2597972) 10.30 The Jacobites (T) (7620392) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (9113791) 11.00 First Edition IV (6474359) 11.15 The Mix (6457682)

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Vegetable banana meringue (T) (2514)

9.00 Espresso presented by Pathe Coldwell (5624427) 10.00 Exclusive (6363750) 10.30 Animal Calypso (r) (T) (8431682) 12.00 Sesame Street (77205) 12.30pm Light Lunch (23601) 1.30 Le Reveil. An award winning Belgian short (73795601) 1.40 Five Easy Pizzas (80686476) 11.00 Leeza (3418345) 11.50 Double Espresso 1.45 The History of Mr Polly (1949, b/w) An

adaptation of H.G. Wells's story of a clerk who deserts his wife and finds happiness as a country pub's handyman, With John Mills and Sally Ann Howes. Directed by Anthony Peissier (14208576) 3.30 Collector's Lot Japanese kiles; the

works of the actress Margaret Lockwood and military memorabilia (1) (717) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (224) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8937205) and Julie Christie A made-for-lelevision or Terence Rattigan's play set in a 1950s British seaside hotel. Directed by John Schlesinger (2052595)

4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (8856934) 5.30 Pet Rescue An RSPCA team rescue a neglected foal (T) (208) 6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (T) (601)

6.30 Hollycaks Lucy Interrogates Cindy about Stan's drink-driving. The family gather as Ollie's condition worsens (T) (953) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines

and weather at 7.30 (674427) 7.55 Music of the Millennium Will Self's selection (985069)

8.00 Brookside Ron and Jacqui receive a veiled threat; Mick receives more bad news (T) (8214)

8.30 Out of Africa: Never Built to Fly The private life of the ostrich (T) (9069)

9.00 Witness: Drancy The role of the Roman Catholic Church in France during the Nazi occupation for which leading church members have recently apologised (r) (T) (8663)



Helen Mirren stars (10.00pm)

10.00 Prime Suspect The first series of the multi-award-winning crime drama starring Helen Mirren and written by Lynda La Plante (r) (T) (1750)

11.00 Babylon 5 Garibaldi becomes involved in a potentially lethal mission (61717) 12.00 Under the Moon Sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly and Tom Binns (1533151)

4.30am Board Stupid Snowboarding action (r) (48880) 5.00 Screaming Reels Angling magazine (r) (1) (2135625)

5.35 Film and Video Showcase (7442373)

9.00 The Big Easy (1987) A tale of corruption and passion starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin, Directed by Jim McBride (T)

(69373408) 10.55 The Jack Docherty Show (2532040) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7732663)

12.30am Live and Dangerous presented by Jonny Gould and Todd Macklin (14554489) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Keller unwittingly leaks information about a case to his new neighbour, who just so happens to be a contract killer. With Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T)

5.30 100 Per Cent (5672064)

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12.00 pm Wresting (88224835) 1.00 Fishing Texas (8215514) 1.30 Gone Fishing (77528361) 2.00 Golden Gloves with Berry McSurgeri (22837868) 3.09 Golden Olympics (82244088) 3.30 Rugby Union: European Cup (23179311) 8.30 Pool (35370972) 8.30 Euro Tour Weekly (97429406) 7.09 Fishing Tales (85236069) 7.30 American Outdoors (87417392) 8.00 Sport USA (37439309) 9.30 Beach Volleyball (85874494) 10.00 Sportratis (54237869) 18.30 Golden Age of Motor Racing (94982224) 11.30 Close EUROSPORT

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Hoddle happy to put faith in Gascoigne

GLENN HODDLE'S catchphrase for the week, and one he has used a dozen times already, is "inner belief". The England coach has it in abundance and not even the first unsettling ripples could disturb his seemingly unshakeable calm yesterday.

The first stone lobbed in his direction came when Les Ferdinand was forced to withdraw from the party that flies out to Rome this afternoon for the turnultuous World Curo qualifying match against Italy on Saturday. The Tottenham Hotspur striker has suffered a recurrence of a stomach strain, but it is a sign of England's confidence — and of the strength and depth of the squad — that Hoddle will have been less perturbed than Gerry Francis, the Tottenham

Almost inevitably, the second cause for concern centred on Paul Gascoigne, whose arrival in Rome this afternoon will provoke as much, and quite probably more, frenzy, than if he was to wander unannounced along Oxford

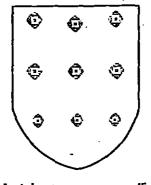
Hoddle has talked of careful plans to try to shield his players from the inevitable hype surrounding the match, and arriving at their hotel where English newspapers will be banned — with three days to prepare is intended to cocoon the squad from external pressures.

In Gascoigne's case, such protection will be vital. The worst-case scenario being banded around Bisham Abbey yesterday was the unlikely prospect of the England midfield player being met by a posse of Italian lawyers with writs to serve, stemming back to Gascoigne's spell in Rome with Lazio. One has reportedly been threatened by one member of the paparazzi still

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chasing damages from an altercation outside a restaurant, while another writ is allegedly under consideration by tax investigators checking up on dozens of the country's

Of more pressing interest will be the reception that Gascoigne receives from the Italian public, which never knew quite what to make of



Troubled Collymore

his days as a Lazio player in

the Olympic Stadium. The impact of Gascoigne the footballer on Serie A was fitful during two seasons in which he showed only glimpses of his talent and badly injured himself in a training ground incident. Gascoigne the celebrity is an entirely different peration to succeed, combined with his well-reported off-field antics, made him a cult figure.

Either way, he will be the centre of frenzied attention when England arrive today, to be met by a host country equally consumed with passion for the final group two game, when England need only a draw to be sure of a place in the World Cup finals in France,

Hoddle is confident, though, that the 30-year-old

Rangers player is a changed man from the young. emotional international who wept in front of the Italian public during the 1990 finals. "Paul and I had a good chat when he arrived on Sunday," Hoddle said. "I don't think he will get carried away. He knows it will be a team effort if we are going to get the right result. From what I have seen, he is playing with his head, not his heart. The way he approached the Moldova game was different. I had not seen that before. He

was a lot more focused, a lot uieter, and the performance showed it. Even the reaction after he scored, and on tele vision afterwards, reflected that it was not the normal Gazza, and I think that is what we need.

"I think possibly he realises this could be his last chance of the world stage, although l believe players can go on until they are 35 or 36 if they look after themselves."

One player who will not be involved is Ferdinand, who visited a specialist yesterday morning after a scan confirmed that he may need a hernia operation, which could rule him out for up to two months. Hoddle, who seems certain to pair Ian Wright and Teddy Sheringham in attack, did not consider calling up a replacement, with Fowler, Stan Collymore and the two Pauls, Scholes and Merson, also in the squad.

"It would be a massive game for whoever we brought in and I am happy and secure with what we have got in that position," Hoddle said. "Les withdrawing is a blow because everything was looking plain sailing, but we have a 24-man squad and we will get by." Francis's reaction is likely to be considerably less philosopical.

The Tottenham manager was just daring to believe that the run of injuries that have destroyed his hopes for a settled team had come to an end, with Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong beginning to forge a partnership. Even Darren Anderton is believed to be within two weeks of a first-team return, but Ferdinand's injury is yet another



Maldini personifies Italian unease

t last the Florentines seem to have relented. Time was, not so long ago, that Italy's national team had to give up training at the football centre Coverciano, on the outskirts of the city, so bitterly were they abused

Fiorentina supporters. This because the core of the Azzurri came at that time from Juventus, the club most detested by Fiorentina fans. But though Juve still have several players in Cesare Maldini's squad, they are not as predominant as before. Some, such as Lombardo and Vieri, have gone to play abroad. An animus remains, but it has eased a little.

There is no doubt that the game against England with some trepidation in the image of Maldini, their coach, Journalists and supporters have been all too predictably quick to pillory him after victory at Wembiey was followed by a series of stilted performances, including the costly goalless draws in Poland and Georgia.

Brian Glanville reports from Florence on the form

of the men who will oppose England on Saturday

could regain the tranquility he had when he emerged from his favourite Milanese restaurant to take over the national team at 64, then his players could relax, in their turn.

As it is, they showed in the first half in Georgia that they have clearly seized up. Not because, as happened under the previous coach. Arrigo Sacchi, they are drilled into cautious schemes that do not suit them, but because things have somehow gone wrong and a different kind of caution, caused by fear rather than by tactics, has superseded. It was all too plain in

Tbilisi. The good news for Maldini is that Christian Vieri, the centre forward, was in form last weekend for Atlético Madrid and that those two clever but criticised lightweights, Del Piero and Inzaghi, looked sharp for Juventus against Fiorentina Nesta, of Lazio,



expected to take over at centre back for the injured Ferrara, well agains Internazionale's formidable Ronaldo.

Nesta and Gascoigne: there is a history here. It was the wholly innocent Nesta, then just a Lazio junior, who inadvertently broke the Eng land player's leg in a training game a few years back when Gascoigne, in one of those strange excesses of his, tried to

tackle him from behind when shooting.

Less encouraging for Maldini was the poor form of Costacurta, his other central defender, for Milan against Empoli, while the loss of both Di Matteo, suspended, and Conte his obvious replacement, injured, seriously weakens the midfield. Both the midfield men. Di Francesco and Di Biagio, played well in Roma's thrashing of Napoli in the Olympic Stadium on

Maldini has called up another young centre back in Galante, of Internazionale, one of the players he brought. on in his successful Italy Under-21 team Galante, however, hardly seems ready for his first cap, especially in such Memories, meanwhile, abound in May 1952, Italy

played England, still baying failed to beat them, here for SIIVIO PIOIA, A 1938 WODIG C winner and a centre forward who punched a goal that stood against England in Milan in 1939, was kicked at the end of the game by Jack Froggatt, the England centre half, who said afterwards he had had enough of being elbowed. An anticlimatic end, at 39, to Piola's international

Later, again in Florence, 4 reminded him of that punched goal. "It was a beat?" tiful header," he laughed, and then punching over his shoulder, said, "No. no: I went like"

The departure of Graeme Sources from the manager's job at Torino was confirmed

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Elevation of Elkington rankles with Mickelson

PHIL MICKELSON, the United States Ryder Cup play-er who is competing in his Europe, arrived at Wentworth for the Toyota World Match Play Championship this week expecting to be the second seed in this 12-man event. He was wrong. When the draw for the event, which starts tomorrow, was announced. Mickelson

found that he was seeded fifth. Mickelson had no dispute with Ernie Els being named the top seed - Els has won this event for the past three years. Indeed, he has not yet lost a match. Mickelson was not concerned that Colin Montgomerie should be the No 3 seed nor Nick Price the No 4 seed. Montgomerie and Price are, respectively, No.5 and No 4 in the world rankings. Mickelson was surprised, however, that he. ranked No 10 in the world, was not seeded above Steve Elkington, ranked No 13. Elkington, who won the Players' Championship in March

No 2 at Wentworth. Mickelson thought that the seedings were done on the basis of the world rankings, as he was led to believe had happened last year. On that basis he assumed that, like the other seeds, he would not be playing until the second round on Friday and had intended to go sightseeing in London yesterday. But when he discovered that Elkington was seeded No 2 and he was No 5.

earlier this year, is seeded

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Winner to play & Elidington (Aus. 2)

it meant that he was playing tomorrow and he had to forgo his trip to London in order to

get 36 holes' practice. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that Elkington is a client of the international Management Group (IMG), the tournament's organisers, while Mickelson is not. "I am not surprised they would try and get one of their clients a

Mickelson: unhappy with his tournament seeding

seeding," Mickelson said, "If I were a client I would hope they would do everything for me. But they changed it from the world rankings." Defend-ing the decision of the tournament organisers, Mark McCormack, the head of IMG. said: "The Players" Championship is the fifth most important title after the

four major championships."

Reflecting on the Ryder Cup, Mickelson named two reasons why Europe had won - superior putting and better teamwork. "We did not make as many putts as we needed to," Mickelson said, "The Europeans played better golf. They made the crucial shots when they had to. There was a time on Sunday when looking up at the board we noticed there was as much red as we needed (to win) but in a couple of matches we were not able to sustain it. It was crucial for us to win the first five or six matches and when we split thefirst five 21/2 points each, that

was where we got hurt." Tom Kite, the United States captain, has come in for some criticism at home and Mickelson, like Tom Lehman, his team-mate, who was competing in Germany last week, thought that this was unfair. "Tom [Kite] did a great job," Mickelson said. "He has been on a number of these teams and he knows what players like and don't like. He turned out to be very consistent. It made it a lot easier for the guys to play. It is disappointing that we did not play well for him because he descreed

Snooker turns to Archer

LORD ARCHER of Westonsuper-Mare is to be named as president of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) at a press conference at the House of Commons tomorrow afternoon. Before that gathering, an

extraordinary general meeting of the game's governing body is expected to ratify an amend-ment to the WPBSA constitu-tion that will allow its president to be appointed by the board of directors instead of being elect-

ed by members. Despite continuing to boast extremely healthy television audiences — ten million viewers were attracted the concluding session of the Benson and Hedges Masters final in February, when Steve Davis defeated Romie O'Suilivan - sponsorship has become a growing concern. The Grand Prix is one of a number of unsponsored tournaments this season and those influential within the game believe that having a high-profile political figure in their corner will help, either directly or indirectly, to strengthen its commercial

Lord Archer, a former chairman of the Conservative Party, will fill the position vacated in the early 1990s by Ray Reardon. six times the world professional snooker champion between 1969 and 1978. It has not been filled until now and this is the first time that the WPBSA has broken with tradition and decided to offer the post to someone outside snocker.

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Dr Stuttaford reports from his hospital bed

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Hague aides deny EMU policy shift

Rank and file vent wrath on Tory MPs

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Tory rank and file rose in revolt yesterday as they vented their fury on sleaze and disloyalty in the parliamentary party, demanded a bigger say in leadership elections and called for more powers to throw out errant MPs.

The anger of Tory workers at the way years of splits and scandals had contributed to the worst defeat in Conservative history exploded at the Blackpool conference in a highly charged three-hour debate on the party's future.

The contempt of the grass roots for the antics of rebellious Tory MPs boiled over when Sir Archibald Hamilton, chairman of the 1922 Committee, was jeered as he said that MPs must keep the main say in electing party leaders.

Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, in contrast, was cheered when he called for members to have a 50 per cent say in the leadership election. far more than the hierarchy. intends. Catching the mood, he told trouble-makers that if they could not stop quarreling, they should "shove off and join

another party". There was unity behind the demand for reform, but dissatisfaction that the plans put forward this week did not yet go far enough.

But even as activists, unleashed attack after attack on MPs for the way they had mistreated his predecessor. William Hague was facing new claims of confusion after apparently softening the Conservatives' policy on the European single currency.

Shadow Cabinet opposition appeared to have forced a shift from the firm line that he took during the leadership election when he said that he would rule out the single currency forthe lifetime of the next Parliament, effectively for ten years.

When an attempt was made last week to turn that into shadow cabinet policy, some shadow ministers objected that it would be too rigid a line to take in the fast-changing circumstances surrounding EMU. Under an emergency formula agreed to maintain



There are signs of unity emerging — we all agree we fancy Fflon

unity this week, all shadow cabinet members yesterday were ruling out single curren-cy membership for the fore-seeable future. As pro-European ministers claimed privately that the policy had been softened in a compromise designed to keep the party together, Eurosceptic manisters insisted that the 'the foreseeable future" still meant

Although the wording appears to represent a shift, Mr Hague's aides denied that it did, adding that his own opposition to membership within ten years remained. They said that as the policy would go to party members for a vote, Mr Hague could not prejudge their decision by excluding EMU membership in the next Parliament

The only certainty was that the policy was again in a muddle and will be reconsidered when the conference ends. The divisions continued on the conference fringe last night with Norman Lamont the former Chancellor, saving that there was no point in having a Conservative Party if it did not fight against the single currency. But Sir Leon. Brittan, the European Commissioner, said that to condemn EMU before it had started would be to "ensnare the Conservative Party in a trap of political irrelevance".

Back in the conference hall.

promised an Internet revolu-

Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, brought the party reform debate, which a times seemed to be a display of ritual blood-letting, to an end with a pledge that the party grassroots would get "real power".

He admitted that the party had seemed out of touch and to have lost its direction and unity of purpose. He said that that must not be allowed to happen again and, by changing the party's structure and organisation, Conservatives would win again. He said: "It is going to be your party — muot Smith Square's poodle, not the preserve of the National Union, not the parliamentary party's plaything.

The new single Conserva-tive Party will belong to its members - all its members. We will all have a say. We will all have a part to play."

Party leaders were hoping that the debate would prove a catharsis and that, with the recriminations over, the party could move on to the future. But they were taken aback by the emotion shown. Mariorie Simpson from Stockton South, was typical. She attacked MPs who, she said, had "colluded with the enemy", adding: "They were selfish, cowardly people who delivered this nation into the

hands of Mr Blair." Jonathan Marland, from Salisbury, said that a once great party had become "deca-dent with sleaze", had feuded openly with itself and turned viciously on its leaders. MPs had lost the respect of the electorate with their

'self-centred arrogance". Sir James Couchman, who lost his Gillingham seat on May 1, drew applause when he told the conference: "If only some of my erstwhile colleagues, when confronted by their behaviour, had thought more about the party and less. about themselves."

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Wife pleads for missing doctor to return home

THE wife of an overstressed" senior hospital regis-trar last night made an impassioned appeal for him to return home after his empty car was found beside the sea.

Matthew Choyce, 34, was last seen in the early hours of Tuesday by his wife, Jane Noble, who is also a doctor, at their Newcastle upon Tyne home. She said he was depressed and stressed at his job in the casualty department at Sunderland Royal Hospital.

At a press conference last night Dr Noble, 30, said: Marthew, I want you to know I love you very much. Me, your family and friends are ding Article and Letters, page 21 really worried about you. Whatever problems you are thinking about, we will sort



Choyce: dissappeared early on Tuesday

them out together ... Please get in touch. Please just come Her husband's car was found at midday on Tuesday at Tynemouth, in North

Hotel, overlooking the North Sea. A search of the surrounding area found nothing. Yesterday a police helicopter was called in. Dr Noble said: "I woke at about 4am on Tuesday and went to get a drink of water and Matthew was in bed. By 7am he had gone. He took the car but he has no money or clothes other than what I think he was wearing when he left."

The couple, both Oxford graduates, married two years ago. Dr Noble is a researcher at the University of Newcastle working one day a week at the city's Freeman Hospital. They moved to the North East from Essex in 1992. Dr Choyce, who only started in Sunderland last month, had been depressed for three weeks.

World changes too fast for us older ones says the Queen

By Christopher Thomas in Islamabad AND ALAN HAMILTON

THE QUEEN let slip a rare intimation of mortality yesterday when she confessed that the world was changing too fast for people of her age to

keep up.
Addressing the Pakistani
Senate and National Assembly in Islamabad on her state visit to mark half a century of independence on the Indian sub-continent the Queen, 71 last April, was referring to the need for a younger generation to take up the cause of Anglo-Pakistani relations.

Her remark was an unusual personal reflection on the fact that she came to the throne in 1952, and is now the fifth-longest serving English monarch since the Norman Conquest

The Queen, who celebrates her fiftieth wedding anniver-sary next month, told her audience: "I sometimes sense the world is changing almost too fast for its inhabitants, at least for us older ones. It is the younger generation who must lead the way in fostering our friendship.*

In case anyone thought that she was hinting at her retirement at the end of five particularly difficult years for the monarchy, the Queen made it to young people in general. family. Her theme was cultural ties between Britain and Pakistan, and the growth of a distinctive new identity, the British Muslim.

The Queen said that British and Pakistani cultures complemented each other "in ways that might surprise us. A distinctive new identity, that of British Muslim, has emerged; I find that healthy and welcome". Those ties would have to be continued by younger

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People like the youngsters from Bradford, for whom being British and Pakistani is a way of life; like your out-standing cricketers playing for both English counties and the Pakistani national team; like our young parliamentarians, learning from each other; like our young soldiers, sharing UN duties in war-torn areas around the world."

The Queen also urged Paki-stan and India to "renew efforts to end historic disagreements." amounting to a direct appeal to find a solution to the 50-year-old dispute over Kashmir. She was answered hours afterwards by young Pakistanis chanting we want Kashmir" and banners pro-claiming "Kashmir bleeds".

The third day of her state visit with the Duke of Edinburgh finally took the couple away from the sombre atmosphere of the nation's small capital city to neighbouring Rawalpindi to meet the Paki stani and South African cricket teams, who are playing a five-day Test match. Before she arrived, hundreds of spectators chanted slogans demanding freedom for Indian Kashmir.

The Queen met the players on the pitch, to roars of approval from thousands of people in the stands, while demonstrators gathered outside with anti-Indian banners. The Queen's comments on

Kashmir came as Indian officials reacted angrily to a reported statement by Derek Fatchett, a Foreign Office minister, that he backed a referendum to determine the future of Kashmir, India has consistently rejected the idea.

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Vichy trial

Maurice Papon, the retired civil servant on trial for de-porting hundreds of Jews to Nazi death camps, confronted his accusers across a French courtroom yesterday...Page 13

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Cheap, fast mains Internet

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor CONSUMERS have been

tion providing faster and cheaper access to the World Wide Web down ordinary domestic electricity lines. Two companies, Northern Telecom and Norweb Communications, said they had found the "holy grail" of telecommunications — the ability to send vast amounts of data along power lines without its being distorted by interference. In future, every home in the country could be connected to the Internet in this way, providing increasing competition for telephone companies, especially BT. Nortel, a Canadian telecommunications equipment man-

technology at its main European research laboratories at Harlow, Essex, in co-operation with Norweb Communcations, part of United Utilities, which operates electricity, gas and telecommunications businesses in Britain. Norweb intends to offer a

homes in the North West next Spring. The system will then spread outwards from there. The two companies said yesterday that their service could offer an internet connection 20 to 30 times faster than commonly available through today's telephone modems and that the cost would be

lower by up to 50 per cent.

Peter Dudley, a vice presi-

dent of Nortel, said users

commercial trial to 2,000

would be able to remain permanently online, paying a flat monthly charge with their electricity bills. Ian Vance, Nortel's chief scientist, said: "It can do everything the Internet can do without any of the constraints of speed."

The system works by using either fibre-optic or radio links to transmit data from the Internet to local electricity substations. The low-voltage part of the electricity network then becomes a local area network. A small box is installed next to the electricity meter in the home to send and receive data. The box itself is connected by ordinary cable to PCs, which will need to be fitted with a special card and software costing less than £200.

Chief Justice urges debate on cannabis

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE most senior judge in England and Wales yesterday backed calls for a public debate on the legalisation of soft drugs such as cannabis. Just days after Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, ruled out moves to legalize cannabis, the Lord Chief Justice said the

issue merited consideration. Lord Bingham of Comhill made clear that he was not expressing a personal view on decriminalization of soft drugs. But he said: "It is a subject that deserves, in my judgment, detached, objective, independent consideration." He also welcomed the recent decision by the independent

Police Foundation to have an inquiry into the law on the

misuse of drugs. Last night a spokesman for the Home Office reiterated Mr Straw's comments that decriminalizing cannabis would only encourage its use. The spokesman added, however, that the Government was happy to debate the issue.

But the comments were welcomed by Bill Saulsbury. secretary of the Police Foundation and Paul Cavadino, principal officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

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Italians turn evil eye on England soccer thugs

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ufacturer, has developed the

ITALIAN police raised the alarm over football violence yesterday, four days ahead of England's World Cup qualifying match in Rome. Newspapers also accused England of mobilising its most terrifying weapon the foot-

ball hooligan"

keep them away, and called on the authorities to "change the rules so that our police can use rubber bullets, as happens in France and the United States". It said the police "need rubber bullets to deter those who are going to the stadium looking for a fight rather than to watch the match peaceably". "This is not only the match of the

the Italians know it, and they are both trying to improve their chances by fair means or foul, whatever the cost." The paper said the English were sending "their most feared representa-tives — their hooligans". All the

Italians could do in reply was "to invoke superstitious curses" — a The police union said it was year, it is the match of the next four reference to the corna, or "devil's concerned by reports of an invasion of years", said Il Messaggero in a front horns, a gesture made by holding up thugs who had evaded measures to page editorial. "For the loser, it will be

holding the middle fingers down. Cesare Maldini, Italy's manager, football suicide. The English know it. made the sign this week when asked what he would do if Italy lost. The English will have a good laugh at our expense over that." Il Messaggero said. "They send thugs, and we fall back on warding off the evil eye". As the England team arrived in

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A scary ride on Inspector Clouseau's ghost train

ride the Ghost Train at Blackpool's Pleasure Beach have missed a grisly experience. Skeletons leap out at you: corpses rise from their coffins: pools of blood lie to either side: vampires exhale their clammy breath in your face, and cobwebs tangle in

A speech by Michael Howard is like this, but scarier, I sampled the Shadow Foreign Secretary yesterday morning and the Ghost Train in the afternoon. Nothing the Ghost Train could contrive brought quite the same tingling up the back of the neck. The Ghost Train cost £1.60p; the speech

was free. You can shudder without charge at a Tory

When the chairman called him, the impeccably tailored Mr Howard almost ran down on to the speaker's platform, a slim figure in a near-black suit. "Our foreign affairs team is first class," he hissed. A shrick of "there's me, for instance!" followed by a maniac cackle should have come next. but Mr Howard was too modest. There followed a sizzling tribute to Margaret Thatcher

and Ronald Reagan. And it was during this that a curious feature of the Shadow Foreign Secretary's speaking style first struck me. He



referred to "the curled War". Mr Howard has almost conquered his problems with pronouncing "people" (pipul) and "principles" (principuels), but now seems to have fallen into new difficulties.

Those vowels which require a dilated O from the lips get a puckered O instead. To produce the Howard sound, try saying "golden" with your mouth arranged for the silent transmission by windpower of a spitball of blotting-paper

Mr Howard's other the teacher isn't looking. The result is reminiscent of the late Peter Sellers's Inspector

his muemkey.
The Shadow Foreign Secretary praised Mrs Thatcher her successors for the gueriden inheritance": they had left "a gueriden legacy". Now Robin Cook pranced around "the wuerld" as though he had created it. How

Clouseau, asking an organ

grinder if he had a licence for

dare Cook parade the wuerld stage squandering the guerl-den legacy from Britain's buerled stance in the Curled War? Tuerney Blair was just

idiosyncracy is to flatter previous speakers from the floor by introducing their names into the text of his own speech. Unfortunately, that text is already printed and pre-re-leased. The result is rather like those computer-personalised mailshots: "Have you ever wondered, Mr Parris, how much money double-glazing could have saved you and Mrs Parris this year?"

ter. It will destroy jobs." But what he actually said was Take the Suershial Chapter. How right Amy-Louise Barnes was to remind us that it will destroy jobs!" One wonders how Chur-

chill might have coped ... "Never in the field of human conflict, as Amy-Louise Barnes reminds us, has so much been owed by so many

Only once did Mr Howard depart substantially from his text. At the end of his speech he was las media-speak jar gon now has it) "expected to say" that Tony Blair has made

these concluding "the people must have the final say". Instead, suffering a momentary relapse with his "people", the Shadow Foreign Secretary declared "the pipul most have the final say!" and then (unscripted) cried: "We shall huerld yew to that final

Mr Howard left the podium to a standing ovation from the audience, prolonged applainse from the platform party, and a degree of consternation (as Amy-Louise Barnes might have put it - and how right she would have been!) on all

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Dublin replaces minister

David Andrews has been appointed Irish Foreign Minist in place of Ray Burke, who resigned earlier this week

Mr Andrews, 62, formerly Defence Minister, assumes the co-chairmanship of the talks on Northern Ireland with Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. A senior member of the Irish Bar, he is seen by officials in Dublin. and London as a safe pair of hands, and his moderate views should be acceptable to Unionists. Mr Burke resigned after allegations of procedural breaches concerning passports and his admission of a political donation from a builder.

Prison deaths

Sir Peter Woodhead, the Prison Ombudsman, is asking ministers for powers to inves-tigate deaths in custody amid concern that suicides and natural fatalities are not being properly examined. The issue will be discussed with the Home Office next week.

Poer's £10,000

Jamie McKendrick has won the 1997 Forward Prize for the best poetry collection with The Marble Fly. Robin Robertson won the £5,000 prize for a best first collection with A Painted Field, and Lavinia Greenlaw the £1,000 prize for the best single poem.

Crime drive

A £200,000 golf tuition scheme for more than 100 underprivileged children was launched by Sandwell Bor-ough Council, Birmingham, to keep them off the streets. A councillor said: "Tiger Woods is their cult hero and they all want to be like him."

Art giveaway

The Scottish Arts Council is giving away its entire £2 million collection of 2,000 Scottish art works to galleries and museums. Magnus Linklater. the council chairman, said the public would be better served if the paintings, photographs and sculpture were dispersed.

Media doubts

Fony Blair's "task force" met for the first time yesterday with a mission to discover whether education is failing to prepare students for creative work and expressed concern over whether courses in media and studies properly

equipped graduates. In-flight violence

A woman has been jailed for two years for kicking a policeman in the groin after a fracas on a transatlantic flight. The judge at Isleworth Crown Court, told Carmel Beer, 50, of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerworst football hooligan.

Jury trial may be dropped for complex frauds

By STEWART TENDLER AND FRANCIS GIBB

TRIAL by jury for complex fraud cases may be ended as part of an attack on City swindles and money-laundering being prepared by the

Expensive fraud cases could come to court much more quickly, take far less time and be held before a judge with expertise in financial matters and advised by a group of City

Another proposal is to re-move the legal restraints on the Inland Revenue passing confidential information to the police. Other plans include increasing police powers to seize cash from suspects, wid-ening the controls on financial institutions exploited by money launderers, and tougher laws on unscrupulous lawyers and financial advisers who turn a blind eye to

Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, will publicly raise the possibility today of ending the jury system for some fraud cases whewn she makes a wideranging speech to police fraud investigators. Assuring her audience that the "Government mean business on financial crime", she will outline proposals being prepared by her department, the Home Office, the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Attorney-General's office.

She will tell the investigators that new financial regulators will watch over City institutions but the criminal justice system also needs to be modernised.

She will give a warning that "a City free of regulatory abuse but open to fraud. corruption and money laundering is not one that will survive and grow in the current international climate".

The failure of prominent fraud cases in recent years has raised increasing criticism of the way in which serious and complex cases are handled. Many commentators have questioned whether such cases should go before a jury.

The minister will tell the conference: "I believe that we need to examine alternatives to trial by jury for these sorts of cases to see whether it might more tailored approach which could still command public

confidence. She will say that proposals now being discussed include greater sharing of financial information among investigators both in Britain and

abroad. There will be action to plug loopholes exploited by money launderers. There is concern that small bureaux de change and agencies which wire cash have no regulating

Mrs Liddell she will raise the possibility of moving to-wards a national fraud squad. possibily linked to the national crime squad which begins work next year.

The law on money laundering may be changed to make sure that professional advisers such as lawyers and accountants cannot turn a blind eye to dubious dealings or financial plans. Police could get extra powers for records to be produced and new confiscation orders allowing investigators to seize suspicious cash in transit in and out of Britain. At the moment only suspected drug assets can be held.

Yesterday officials confirmed that changing the system of jury trial was being serious proposition. It follows growing concern dating from the early 1980s. Police and prosecutors argue that juries can no longer cope with sophisticated cases which may take months or years to com-



Dandruff – the detective's friend

A FLECK of dandruff, a licked stamp or a smudged fingerprint on a car key could soon be used by scientists to catch and convict criminals. Researchers have developed a method of DNA fingerprintsingle human cell.

The breakthrough, made by a team at Leeds University and the Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, means for the first time that the tiniest sample left at the scene of a crime may be sufficient to

Nick Nuttall on a breakthrough in police work with DNA

technique could also help pinpoint rapists in a multiple rape case based on individual sperms collected from a swab: It can also tell the sex of the

person from a single cell.
Ian Findlay, of the department of molecular oncology at Leeds and one of the researchers involved, said yesterday: "It is possible to conceive of there being no scientific barrier to the detection of crime. This is the breakthrough we have been waiting for."

He said the research might also be applied to try to solve old crimes such as those committed by Jack The Rip-per. Mr Findlay said it depended on how well the DNA in the old cells had survived on, say, an old gun, shirt or

"You may be able to go back even further, but not probably

bring a culprit to justice. The as far as 500 years. In the end we will only know when we see the old sample," he said. The breakthrough, made

with funding from the Medical Research Council, is reported in Nature.Currently. millions of cells are needed in sample to do a DNA profiling or fingerprinting test. The Leeds and Birmingham team have developed a system known as

short-tandem repeat profiling to produce accurate and reliable results from a single cell in a few hours. The method, partly made possible by developments in

gene sequencing technology. tries to identify six microsatellite" markers in a sample reflecting the DNA's six chromosomes. The chances of cell samples from two people producing an

technique, are claimed to be 100 million to one. Phil Quirke, another member of the team, said that they

were able to pinpoint the six markers in half of all cells Four of the markers, the level are identified in 14 per cent of tests. It means that the technique so far works, to British court standards, in 64 per cent of tests.

Recently an Australian

team reported that they could

get DNA profiles from pens and car keys. But their method needs a minimum of 200 cells to work, and identifies only one of the six markers. The British team is convinced that, with proper development funding, they can perfect the system and have it in place for the forensic service in two years. But Mr Quirke said even pinpointing one of the markers on the DNA can be useful to the police if it differs to one on the DNA of a supsect "It means you can:

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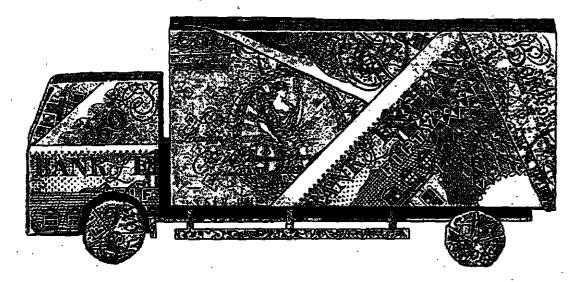
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Checks to beat exam cheats

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOLS will face spotchecks next spring to ensure that they are complying with tough new rules, published yesterday, to eliminate cheat-ing in national curriculum

One head teacher resigned and four schools were reported to their local education authorities after 35 cases of apparent cheating in this year's tests were investigated by examination boards. In at least one case, children were disqualified and others had

their marks reduced.

Almost half of the schools investigated this summer were cleared of malpractice. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority decided that there was insufficient evidence to proceed in 13

The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, the succesthe assessment authority, said: "There is no evidence of widespread cheating, but we want to make it publicly transparent that there is strict supervision." Estelle Morris, the Education Miniswould ensure that parents and teachers could have confi-dence in the results. "We regard the integrity of the tests as paramount and it is essential that the tests are fair to all."

Question papers will be delivered to schools within a week of the tests taking place, rather than up to three weeks ahead, and must not be opened until an hour before needed. Head teachers will be required to sign declarations that tests have been administered fairly. Local authority officials or Government advisers will carry out spot-checks before, during and after tests.

Teachers' leaders said they regretted that action was necessary to deal with a tiny minority of cases. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "The fact that the Government has seen fit to act indicates the impossibly high stakes at-

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Can-Do Girls owe it all to daddy

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Teenagers believe they are better than the next man

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

owe their self-confidence to their fathers, research from Oxford University disclosed yesterday.

Fathers who listen to their daughters and allow them to be themselves, rather than constantly criticise and correct, lie behind an explosion of power", researchers

A new generation of "Can-Do Girls", whose strength of character came from strong relationships with their parents, was identified by the research. One teenage girl in five believes the world is at her feet and that she will compete with men on equal

terms for top jobs.

However, one in 12 girls
was identified as a Low Can-Do Girl", starved of family support, who thinks that life is unfair to women and does not expect to succeed.

Adrienne Katz, author of The Can-Do Girls report published yesterday, said: "It seems that, for a lot of girls, their father plays a huge role in their self-esteem. Fathers represent the outside world and, maybe because the girls will have to compete with men, if he values their opinions, girls seem to take extra strength from that. Girls want their father's approval quite

Girls' outlook was also affected by the behaviour of their fathers at home. While nine out of ten Can-Do Girls agreed "things are fairer for women nowadays", fewer than one in six Low Can-Do Girls agreed.

Mrs Katz said: The father needs to do more than say, 'I am here for you.' He needs to exemplify a way of treating women. If the mother is badly treated by the father, a girl appears to lose confidence in herself and her future."

The researchers questioned 3,000 young women aged 13 to confident Can-Do girls: They

GIRLS with a positive attitude strongly with four questions or statements: do you feel happy and confident, there are exciting opportunities for me, I get on with my work at school, and do you always set yourself high standards? More than 2,000 of the girls

fell into the middle category but were still "jolly confident". Mrs Katz said. She added: "Most young women in the UK feel confident and happy much of the time."

Family relationships were shown to be the most significant factor behind a girl's selfconfidence, with no significant influence registered by other indicators such as pov-erty, area of the country or However, 50 per cent of the

Can-Do girls admitted to wor-rying about being fat, although this compared with 67 per cent of girls overall and about 70 per cent of Low Can-Do girls.

Ms Katz added: "Girls believe the future is theirs. An extraordinary web of youth culture and a club of 'girldom' — girl power, to coin a current phrase — is inspiring and empowering young women as never before. They believe that they are as good as or better than the next man. Gone is the concept of competition with men, or whingeing about unfairness. Girls can do and are doing — in everincreasing numbers."

Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop, which sponsored the research, said: "No one has ever said growing up is easy, but this research tells us something new. It introduces us to the Can-Do girls, young women who are willing – and able – to take life by the horns and live it to the

Publication of the report coincided with the launch of a 'self-esteem activity pack" which has been put together by The Body Shop and the Guide Association to help girls to build up their self-



Cara Barry, Polly Spencer, Laura Jones and Amy Barry: "The Spice Girls just wear as little clothing as possible and say that's powerful"

Power, not pop, is the spice of life

GIRL POWER pre-dates the Spice Girls. The new generation of ambitious, super-confident young women identified yesterday were researched before the girl band entered the nation's consciousness with their ebul-

lient catchphrase. In fact, teenage girls who took part in the research were scathing in their criticism of the Spice Girls for claiming to represent their generation. The Can-Do Girls' most important role models were their mothers and their

The Spice Girls are not about Girl Power. How many men in suits own them?

Family and friends are better role models for young than chart-topping wannabes, writes David Charter

student at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School in Barnet, North London. "I don't look up to pop stars or celebrities, I admire people who change something or who make something of themselves. My friends are my biggest role models because they are the people who respect me and let me be an individual."

Cara Barry, 14, also from Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, who also took part in the research project and identified herself as a Can-Do Spice Girls because they pretend to be something they are not. They say they are the leaders of Girl Power but they don't represent us. They just wear as little clothing as possible and say that's powerful. They don't seem to care about women's rights. My mum and my sister are my

role models." The girls agreed that their own route to girl power would be through higher education. For them, the future holds the challenge of ing the script. "I don't think the sexes are completely equal yet and I don't see why men should be the dominant sex and women should be left behind," Cara said. "I want to have a career and I don't want to have children until I am in my thirties. There is so much I want to do without having to feel I have got another person to put before myself." Polly added: "I really

don't want to rely on someone

want to go to art college. I

searcher, said her findings proved that the Spice Girls were a sympton of Girl Power, not the cause, "We carried out our survey in September last year just before the emergence of the Spice Girls," she said. "We did not intend to study particularly

mism that seemed to be leaping off the page." Laura Jones, 14, who also took part in the research, said: "I think the Spice Girls are using the idea of girl power' just to make money. I admire women MPs such as Mo Mowlem, because before was a man in Northern

confident girls, but we could

not ignore the confident opti-

Parents lose court plea over negligence hearing

By Ian Murray MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DISCIPLINARY hearing into accusations against three doctors will start on Monday after the High Court ruled that the parents of four braindamaged children had no

right to be represented there. The case, to be heard by the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee, is expected to last well into the new year. Mr Justice Lightman, dismissing the parents re-quest to be represented at it, said the proceedings would be "immense, important and

The three doctors are accused of professional misconduct in the way open-heart surgery was carried out at Bristol Royal Infirmary on the children, aged between three and nine, who were left

severely brain damaged.
The parents, who say their children were the subject of negligent treatment" demanded the right to legal represen-tation at the GMC hearing. They wanted an order requiring the Council to provide particulars of the allegations of serious misconduct made against the doctors and an injunction to prevent the inquiry proceeding before the documentation they required had been provided.

The families were con-cerned that the charges and evidence might be too narrowly circumscribed by the GMC and the conduct of the inquiry might unduly limit the issues to be investigated.

Mr Justice Lightman said it was in the public interest the case went ahead as soon as possible and the parents had

no right to representation.

The problems of finding a new date suitable for all involved would be mammoth and cause considerable wasted costs, he said, as well as prolonging the ordeal of the doctors involved.

The parents, who are launching parallel claims for compensation against the hospital managers, the United Bristol NHS Healthcare Trust, will be able to attend the hearing as members of the public. One of them is to be called to give evidence.

Injuries not accidental doctor tells nanny trial

FROM PETER BEAL IN BOSTON

INJURIES suffered by a ninemonth-old boy whose nanny Louise Woodward is accused of murdering could not have been caused accidentally, a neurosurgeon told an Ameri-

can court yesterday.

Joseph Medson said a gentle shaking or a fall on to towels on a hathroom floor, as Miss Woodward is alleged to have told police happened, could not have caused the irreversible brain damage from which Matthew Eappen died five days later.

Gerry Leone, the prosecu-tor, asked Dr Medson on the second day of Miss Woodward's trial at the Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge, Massachusens: "In your opinion, was the cause of these injuries accidental or non-

Dr Medson replied: "I think they were non-accidental. To explain the injuries it would have required a forcible hitting of the head against some blunt surface. To explain the haemorrhaging there would have to be an additional shaking or swinging of the head in some fashion."

Miss Woodward, 19, of Elton, near Chester, denies murdering the baby in what the prosecution allege was a "frustrated, unhappy and resentful" rage because he would not stop crying and because she was unhappy with her job with Matthew's doctor parents. She faces a life sentence without parole if

Dr Medson said he also ruled out the brain damage being caused by a developing, existing condition. He estimated the injuries had been caused between one to three hours before his admission to hospital

He said after suffering such injuries Matthew would have appeared lethargic, sleepy, would have probably been vomiting, have lost his appetite and appeared generally abnormal. The defence claims that the baby was showing these signs during the whole day and had appeared not his normal self the previous day. Barry Scheck, for the defence, asked Dr Medson if he was



Louise Woodward sits in the court yesterday

aware of notes made by Matthew's mother Dr Deborah Eappen that day from what Miss Woodward had told her about Matthew's behaviour first thing in the morning. Dr Medson said: "I am not aware

Mr Scheck told the court: "I have copies of those notes."

of any notes written by Dr

Dr Medson said it was procedure at the hospital for doctors to contact police over injuries suggesting possible child abuse. He admitted it had been an "awkward and very difficult situation because he knew at the time of the baby's admission that his parents were both doctors in Boston hospitals.

Mr Scheck asked: "Would you agree that in this kind of situation there is a danger of losing objectivity?" Dr Medson replied: "There

to exercise the best possible clinical judgments we can."

Mr Scheck asked if there had been a danger of making a "snap judgment" about the cause of Matthew's injuries. The doctor replied: "I support those judgments to this day."

Dr Medson said he had told police the day after Matthew was admitted his injuries were consistent with shaken infant syndrome. He did not recall saying the impact had been equivalent to a fall from a second or third floor balcony. The case continues.

Nun, 79, in hospital after she is mugged

AN ELDERLY num is in hospital after she was thrown to the ground by a mugger while visiting sick parishloners. Sister Marie Leahy, 79, suffered a broken hip and had

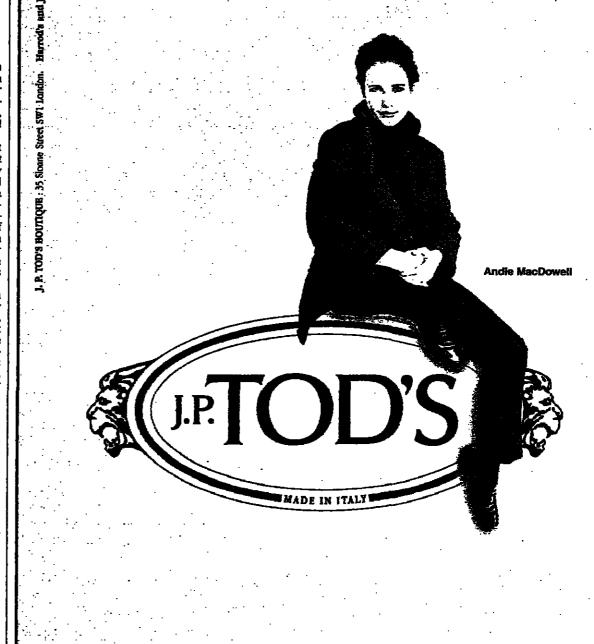
to undergo surgery.

She was attacked as she got out of her car and was left lying in pain on the ground by a white youth who snatched her bag and escaped in a stolen car later found abandoned. Sister Marie, a member of the Sisters of Charity of St Paul, is recovering after an operation to put a pin in her fractured hip. Her condition was described yesterday as comfortable.

She works in the Roman Catholic parish of Our Lady and Ali Saints at Stourbridge, West Midlands and is based at St Joseph's Convent in the town. The Rev David Mc-Gough, the parish priest, said: may be in some cases. We try "She is well-known locally. having worked tirelessly for the sick and elderly in the area for 15 years.

"It is awful that she has been subjected to this assault. A few years ago, it would have been unthinkable for anyone to mug a nun. But unfortunately, that is no longer the

Father McGough said that Sister Marie was a sisterteacher for 45 years, ending her career as head teacher of St Peter's Roman Catholic School at Learnington, War-



Almighty row as God tries to park

AN ACTOR who plays God arrived late to prepare for Creation, after running into the more almighty power of a carpark attendant. But there was some disagreement

yesterday over who was moving in the most mysterious way in the hours before a Royal Shakespeare Company production of The Creation at Newcastle upon Type University. David Ryall, who portrays the Almighty in the medieval mystery play, had been so angered by problems trying to find a place to park that he wrote to the city's local paper, complaining "I have found it very difficult to give the performances that the

city deserves due to the abuse and humiliation received at the hands of carparking officials."

The problem began when Mr Ryall, 61, was allowed through a barrier to find a space to park when he went to the theatre early to do his warm-up exercises. He left his car with the engine running to see if anyone would to make room.

He said: "I was suddenly confronted by a concrete giant of a parking attendant. He was shouting 'Get out, get out. I went to pieces. One just doesn't expect that sort of thing. "I got back in my car and started looking for a space but he insisted that I

leave the area completely. I just did as I

was told. In the end I was sitting at a

parking meter some way from the theatre. I was actually shaking. I had to walk to my room at the theatre and sit down for a while. I was very rattled, I had to carry a large part of the play feeling absolutely awful

"Playing God hasn't given me any grandiose notions. I don't expect redcarpet treatment but surely some arrangement could be made to enable visiting actors to arrive at their place of work in a state of mind conducive to giving a performance."

However, a spokesman for the university, which owns the car park, dismissed the complaint about the staff. He said: "They are just a couple of little chaps

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Accomplices to Lawrence killing offered immunity

Lin Jenkins on der of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence have been the opening of a offered limited immunity, so that evidence they give before a public inquiry will not be used in any future criminal judicial inquiry prosecutions against them. into the murder Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, head of the judicial inquiry, said that both he and

the public believed there were

witnesses who had not yet

come forward and he ap-

pealed for them to do so. An

advertising campaign will be

launched in the area around

Eltham, southeast London,

where the killing took place, to

urge those people to tell their story to the inquiry. Lawyers acting for the Law-rences suspect that the mur-

derers may have been assisted

in their escape, or in concealing the crime, by people who

Neville Lawrence, Stephen's

father, said: "I am pleased to

ive not yet been traced.

of black teenager at bus stop

immunity to anybody would wants to come forward and give evidence. Perhaps now we might get to the bottom of

Imran Khan, the family solicitor, added: "There has been a wall of silence around these particular matters, or that is what is claimed, and I hope that immunity offered by this inquiry will change that."

Police who conducted the investigation into the killing of the 18-year-old A-level student

donkey rides.

little co-operation.

Five white youths cleared of the murder declined to answer questions at an inquest into the death. The jury found that Stephen had been killed by a group of five white youths in an "unprovoked racist attack". Sir William has the power to

summons witnesses and is likely to call the youths. At a preliminary hearing yester day, where interested parties made requests to be formally represented, there was no application on behalf of the five.

Sir William called for witesses who had not yet been heard to come forward so he could consider all material for what he promised to be a "fair and full and fearless report". He said that no evidence

provided by any person to the inquiry, whether written or oral, or documents produced by that person, will be used in evidence against him or her in



Sir William Macpherson of Cluny with one of his advisers, the Right Rev John Sentamu, Bishop of Stepney

any criminal proceedings, except in proceedings where he or she is charged with having given false evidence in the course of this inquiry or having conspired with or pro-

cured others to do so ... Brixton riots. The provision is a standard one under the statutory terms.

always outlined at the outset. It has been particularly useful in persuading people to give evidence in inquiries into widescale child abuse, and in the Scarman inquiry into the

Sir William said: "Both I and the public believe that

forward or been identified." He will examine the actual killing, and the policing, investigation and legal proceed-ings that followed it. "I should

not involve litigation or claims made between parties. Nor will the inquiry be a trial or retrial of any person or per-sons," he added. He said he would consider applications for people to give evidence without their identity being disclosed. "We will al-

ways be prepared to hear any representation as to the need for confidentiality before making any decision to allow publicity. Anonymous informa-tion is unlikely to be relied

upon."

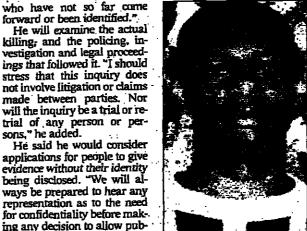
The inquiry has been de-layed until the outcome of a Police Complaints Authority (PCA) inquiry into complaints made by the Lawrence family against the Metropolitan

Roland Phillips, for the au-thority, said it was anticipated the report would go to the Secretary of State at the end of November, Very substantial progress has been made in several aspects." Any new lines opened up would be

Sir William approved counsel to the inquiry to the Law-Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Police Complaints Authority, the Council for Racial Equality, London Borof Greenwich -- artd Duane Brookes, the friend of Stephen who was with him at the time of his death.

Jane Deighton, his solicitor, said he needed to be represented since he had direct contact with those investigating the killing. "Many issues have arisen between him and those esponsible, many of them hotly disputed. He has suffered severe trauma as a result of witnessing this murder and is himself emotionally

Sir William reserved judgement on whether to have ten-



Stephen Lawrence: the murdered student



police officers represented by counsel for the Police Federa tion and three retired superinrepresented by counsel for the Police Superin-

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Sir William, a rented High former Deputy Chief Consta-Right Rev John Sentamu. Bishop of Stepney, and Richard Stone, a North London GP and chairman of the Jewish Council for Racial Equality.

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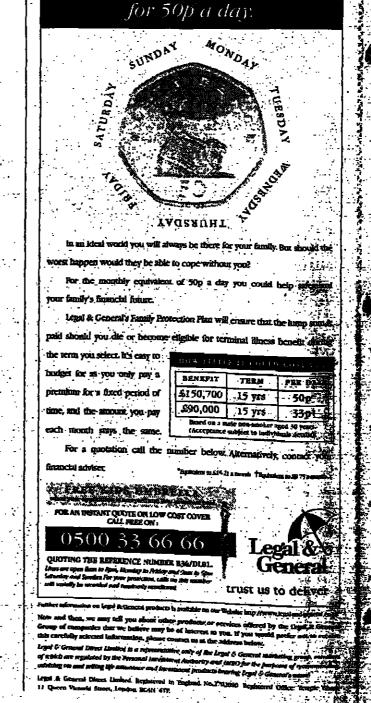
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*Violent prisoner threatened to kill hostages

A PRISONER named Charles Bronson, who is described as Britain's most disruptive inmate, was jailed for a further seven years yesterday for taking three fellow prisoners hostage

Bronson — who was known as Michael Gordon Peterson before adopting the same name as the Hollywood actor - has spent 21 of the past 25 years in solitary confinement. The shaven-head Bronson, 44, accompanied by five officers in the dock, admitted demanding firearms, ammunition and a helicopter from a prison. negotiator, and making three threats to kill. He had barricaded himself and three other prisoners, whom he tied up. in a cell for seven hours during a siege at the top-security Belmarsh prison, south London, in September 1996. Bronson, 18st, had threat-

ened to kill them unless he was given a helicopter, submachineguns, a cheese sandwich, and ice cream. Two of his hostages were Iraqis charged with hijacking an aeroplane while the third was a man now serving 15 years for shooting a police officer. He demanded that the heli-

He demanded that the helicopter fly him to Cuba or Libya, where he would seek political asylum. Bronson

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Inmate demanded into his social development, Jeremy Donne, for the prose-

helicopter,

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and a sandwich,

reports Paul Whittaker

warned prison officers that if his demands were not met within an hour, you will have to bring in four bodyguards

and four body bags.
"I have a blade and will cut them up. None of us are going to leave, even if it means me getting one in the head."

The Belmarsh prison siege was the latest in a series of hostage sieges and other violent incidents which have marked Bronson's prison career, the court was told. Bronson, who has been jailed three times for armed robberies, has six convictions for violence against inmates and is serving a 15-year sentence for possession of a firearm

with intent and hostage taking. He was transferred to Belmarsh in 1996, where staff had put a great deal of effort



Charles Bronson, who adopted the name of the actor, and a self-portrait. He also writes poetry

into his social development, Jeremy Donne, for the prosecution, told the Old Bailey. But Bronson "had a clear problem in getting on with other pris-

oners", he said.

"He is a large, strong man who keeps himself extremely fit and has been known to bend cell doors with his bare hands. Because of his strength and unpredictable behaviour and attitude to other prisoners, he has spent 21 of his last 25 years in segregated units — effectively in solitary confinement," Mr Donne told the

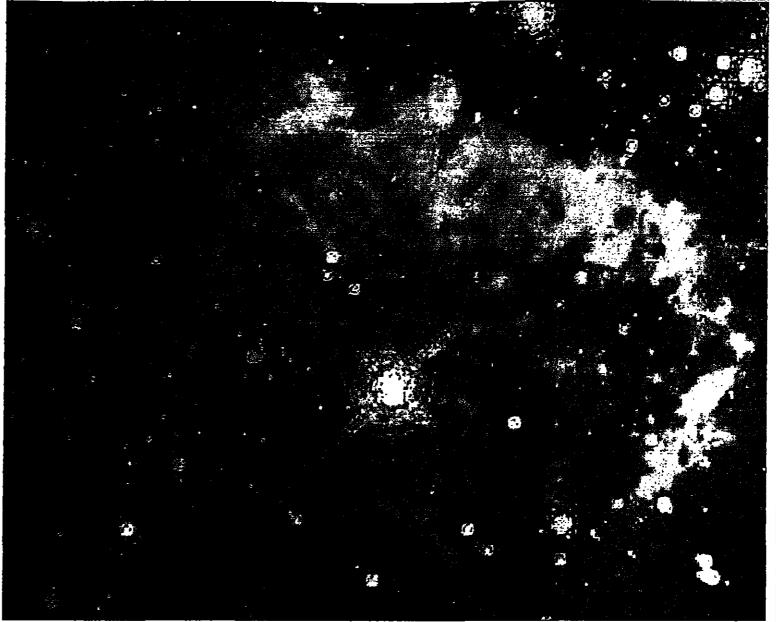
"He is considered probably the most disruptive immate in this country."

Bronson, who holds a world record for press-ups and has won awards for his poetry and artwork, made a personal appeal to Judge Brian Watting. He told the judge that he had changed after being contacted by his son after many years. My son, who I have not seen since 1975, is back in my life. Since I have had that letter ! am on a mission of peace. I was on a mission of madness. All I want to do now is have a pint with my son. He is now 26 - he was three when I last saw him." Bronson plans to marry when his release date is up in 2010.

Isabella Forshaw, for the defence, described Bronson as a "warm" man who had written anti-drug pamphlets and raised £800 for a Yorkshire hospice by doing a "phenomenal" number of press-ups.

Judge Watling said that Bronson was "two people" one who was "pleasant and warm" with a "potential to become good", the other with a "capacity for great violence". He told Bronson: "You are

dust described as being one of the most violent prisoners in prison history. This was a very serious and very frightening incident. It illustrates the very difficult situation the Prison Service has in containing people like yourself."



The Pistol Star captured by the Hubble Space Telescope. A nebula, produced by a violent eruption, appears as a pinkish cloud

Star born to live fast and die young

By Anjana Ahuja

THE Hubble Space Telescope has revealed possibly the brightest star in the universe. However, the dazzling object is destined to remain hidden from human eyes — its radiant splendour is obscured by interstellar

The star, which is ten million times as luminous as the Sun, was discovered by astronomers at the University of California at Los Angeles in mid-September, it was announced yesterday. It is the most dramatic finding yielded by the Near-Infrared Camera

and Multi-Object Spectrometer that was added to the telescope in

The discovery has been named the Pistol Star, after the shape of the gas cloud in which it resides. It lies 25,000 light years from Earth and has a radius of between 93 million and 139½ million miles. One light year is about 5,900 billion miles. If placed at the centre of our solar system it

would stretch to Mars.

In stellar terms, it is living fast and will die young — the Pistol Star releases as much energy in six

seconds as the Sun does in a year, and

is likely to come to a spectacular, explosive end as a supernova within three million years.

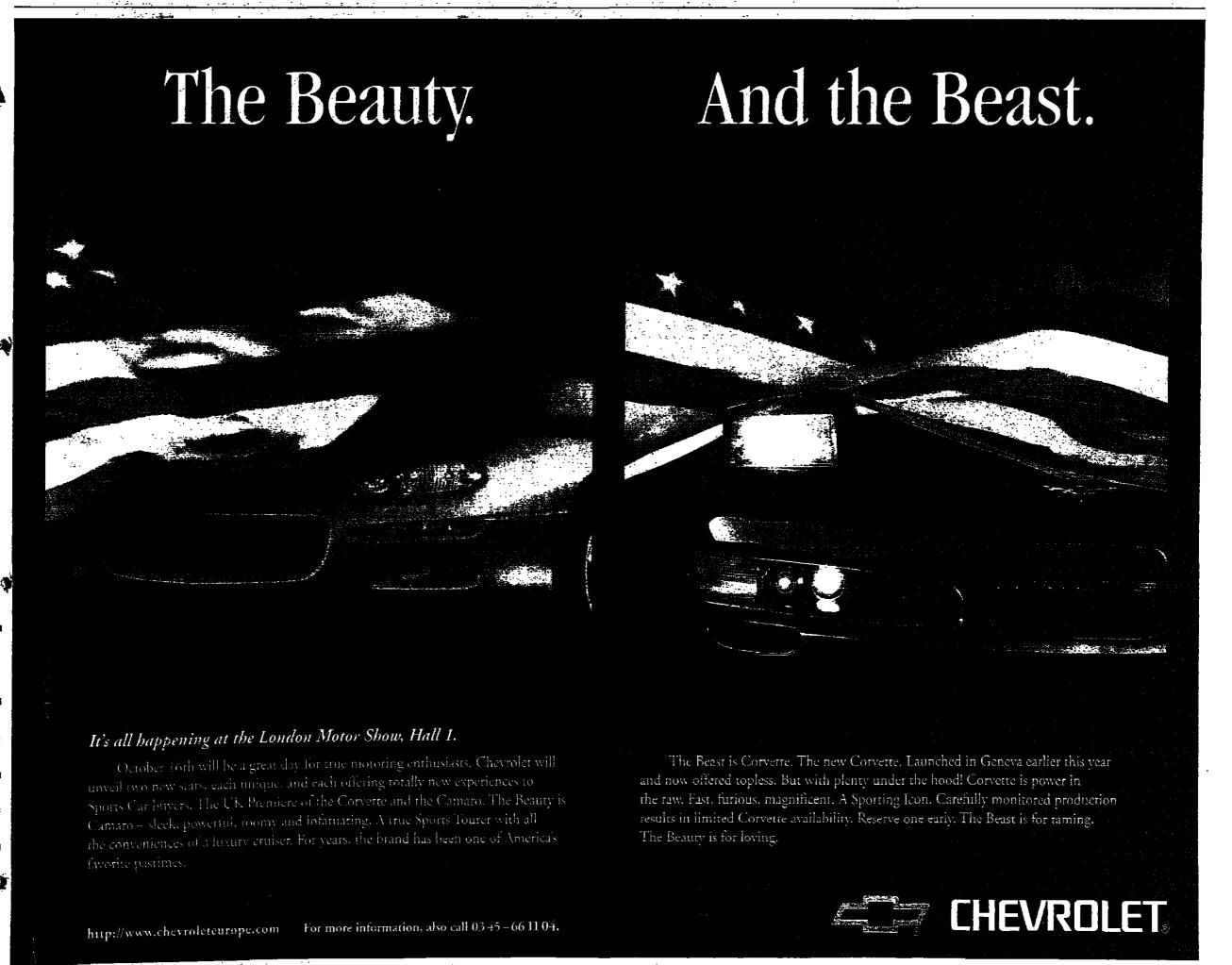
Mark Morris, one of the researchers, said: "Massive stars [such as the Pistol Star] are burning their candles at both ends; they are so luminous that they consume their fuel at an outrageous rate. burning out quickly and often creating dramatic events, such as exploding as supernovas."

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The researchers, who were led by Don Figer, also estimate that the star, born between one and three million years ago, may have started life as the largest star ever, with a mass 200

times that of the Sun. For this reason, the discovery is likely to renew debate about how stars form and evolve.

Astronomers believe that stars form within large dust clouds that contract under their own gravity. Portions of the clouds, or nebulae, shrink into hot clumps; eventually the core of the clump begins to burn hydrogen, the signature of star formation. The newly formed star then begins to radiate sufficient energy to counter the inward fall of material, thus limiting its maximum mass. Large stars — those more than 120 solar masses—are exceedingly rare.



Man behind Roland Rat takes on the NHS

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE television executive who put Roland Rat on screen has been put in charge of drawing up a charter for the National Health Service. Greg Dyke, who was chosen for the job by Tony Blair

because of his experience as a asked to scrap the Patient's Charter and replace it with one that makes the public understand that it has responsibilities as well as rights.

"When I go to accident and emergency departments I am told that the growth in the number of assaults on nurses and abuse is related to people's crude understanding of what they think their rights are under the Patient's Charter," Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said as he announced the review. From what doctors and nurses tell us, the Patient's Charter is something that is making their lives not only more difficult, but dangerous as

One prototype of the char-

see has been drawn up by the health authority at Bury, Lancashire. It emphasises the need for patients to turn up on time for appointments, and also tells them not to wear dirty boots or park bicycles in

surgery waiting rooms.
"Patients' rights will remain, but we want to get into the new charter commitments about the quality of care and not just things about the speed with which patients are seen,"

Mr Dobson said. "If there is a commitment to see someone within 15 minutes, patients must understand that if somebody is brought in needing immediate treatment to save their life then those who are not such urgent cases will just have to wait.

"People must understand as well that it does harm to other patients and to the health service itself if they fail to turn up for an appointment." He

JOBS FOR FRIENDS AND BACKERS

GREG DYKE is the latest in a line of businessmen and creative people who helped to bankroll Tony Blair's office in Opposition or supported Labour's election campaign who have received an honour

or a government job since Mr Blair came to power. Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, named head of the Government's new Better

friend". The film producer Lord Puttnam has been appointed to Chris Smith's

to David Blunkett's Standards in Schools taskforce. Peerages were also given to Michael Levy, who helped to organise the "blind trust" which funded Mr Blair's crime writer Ruth Rendell,

said that no sanctions were being considered for those who missed appointments, but the aim of the new charter was to raise the public's awareness of the damage done by being inconsiderate. This was where Mr Dyke's expertise would come in

Mr Dyke, 50, who worked as an executive with TV-am, TVS, London Weekend and GMTV before taking over as chairman and chief executive of Pearson Television two years ago, was a large contributor to Mr Blair's Labour leadership campaign and regularly donates money to the Labour Party. A member of a private health scheme paid by his employer, he said yesterday that he used it only to hire a physiotherapist after play-

ing football.

During the next few months he will be consulting patients' groups and the medical prosion to draw up the charter in time for the NHS's 50th



Greg Dyke, left, and Frank Dobson yesterday. Mr Dyke has been chosen for his skill as a communicator

Fighting chance for hospitals facing closure

By Our MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOUR community hospitals threatened with closure to save £5 million may yet be

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Authority says that it faces impossibly high costs because of the widely scattered population the hospitals serve. Stan Dennison, the au-thority's chairman, said that, unlike Scotland and Wales, which had a similar problem, Cornwall did not receive an

extra 20 per cent in funding. Frank Dobson, the Healt Secretary, said in London that there would have to be three necessarily follow that those hospitals will be closed just because it has been pro-posed," he said, "If the local community health councils object, at the end of that process the decision will then come to me, and I will have to take that decision."

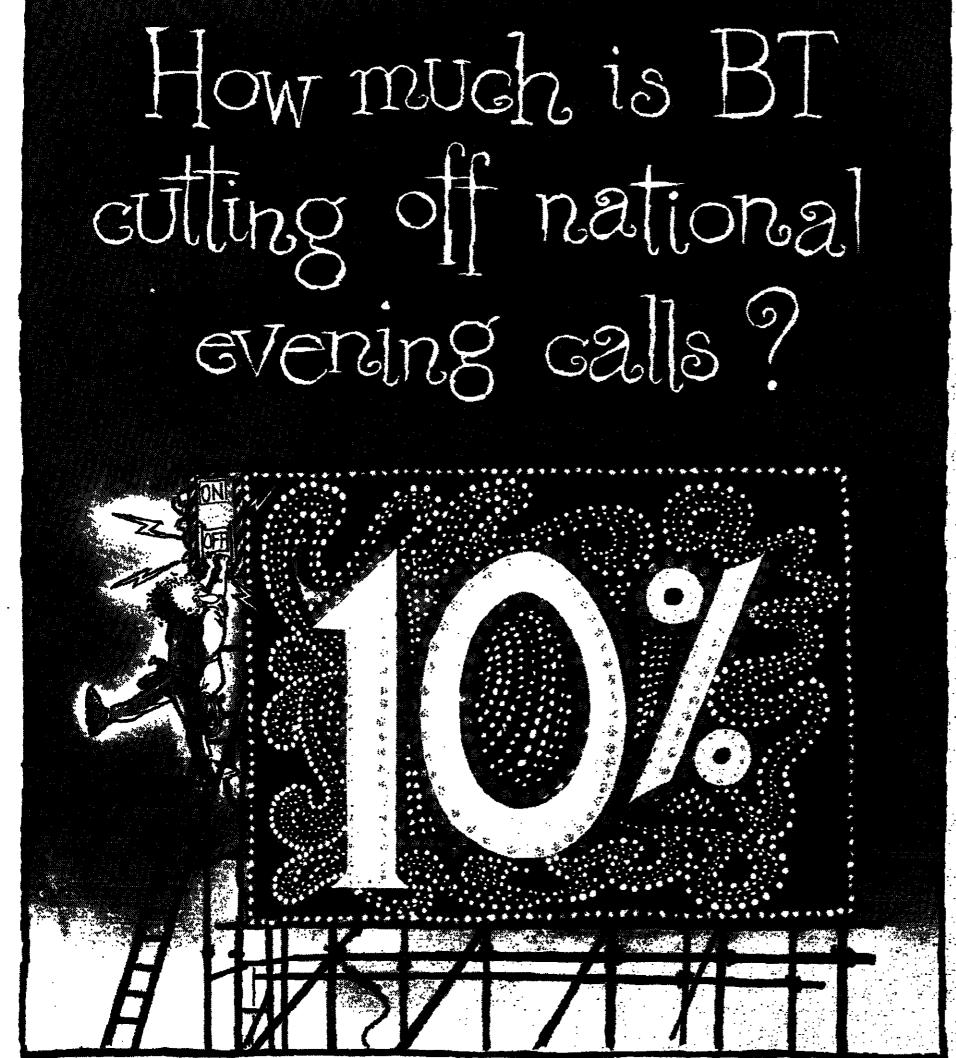
Mr Dobson said that he could make no promises about extra funding for the NHS. But he repeated a promise by the Prime Minister at the weekend to keep a close eye on NHS finances

The Cornish hospitals tarted for closure are Edward Hain in St Ives, Poltair in

Penzance: St Barnabas in Saltash; and Fowey hospital. If the closures go ahead, it will from 453 to 324 and cut 300 jobs. In anticipation of the increased community nursing services so that some patients would not have to travel to hospital. It says that it will continue to oress the Government for adequate funding.

Trevor Parsons, of the public service union Unison, ry into the way the authority community", he said "We intend to go directly to Mr Dobson, and will be launching petitions and demonstrations and doing our best to get these cuts reversed.

The Liberal Democrati who hold four of Cornwall's five Commons seats, announced a three month campaign to reverse the als. Matthew Taylor. the Truro and St Austell MP, blamed them on years of government underfunding. Labour could not-wash its hands of the problem by blaming the previous Government. They can take action to put things right."



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Law chief says privacy law will evolve in courts

Human rights convention will allow judges to build up rules based on individual eases, reports Frances Gibb

THE Lord Chief Justice said yesterday that Parliament would not need to introduce a law of privacy as the judges themselves would create one through the courts.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, giving his second press conference since he took up his office last year, said that a privacy law would develop through individual cases before the courts. This would an "inevitable" consequence of the Government's intention to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into

My current belief is that there will be no need for legislation. The courts have to be seen as an arm of the state for this purpose ... there will be a clear duty on the courts to protect privacy and my experience is that, over time, they will develop the law,"

But equally, he added, the incorporation of the European convention - a move that he strongly favours - would also

increase protection of the right of the press to free speech. "What is going to have to be confronted is the demarcation boundary between free speech and privacy. I think this is difficult and debatable territory." he said.

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The criterion which judges would use would be whether an intrusion was "in the public interest. People guilty of wrongdoing in public office should not escape exposure, but those who suffered intrusions into their private life had a right to redress, he said.

Lord Bingham said it was a strength of the system that the law could be developed according to individual cases. rather than on broad statements of principle.

As to the role of courts in interpreting laws for compliance with the new human

rights legislation, the Lord in would "increase enormous Chief Justice unequivocally by" the stress on those in supported, limiting judicial volved. "I think the case powers. He favoured the more conservative New Zealand model for a human rights Bill, something that the Government is expected to propose in its White Paper later this

month. Under this, judges would not have the power to strike down parliamentary statutes — a power Lord Bingham said that he would "I think it is vastly preferable that judges do not embark

on an exercise to disapply Acts of Parliament. It is not part of our constitutional tradition to do so and is bound to give rise to disquiet and unrest in Parliament." Lord Bingham expected that there would be a flood of cases immediately after incorporation, but that this would subside once the law became established.

Lord Bingham also reiterated his opposition to the televising of court cases, saying that



Bingham: said there was no need for legislation.

ly the stress on those involved. I think the cases which would receive maximum exposure would be full

He welcomed moves by the Government to strengthen the credibility of community senprison. He regretted that offenders who were given community service orders were often portraved as having "got away with it" and suggested they should be renamed "criminal work orders" to reflect the tough nature of the punishment involved.

He repeated his opposition to mandatory life seniences for those convicted for a second time of a serious violent or sexual offence, but said that, as the Government intended to go ahead with this, the judges would have to ensure the measure would "work as

Lord Bingham also backed calls for a public debate on the decriminalisation of softer drugs, such as cannabis. He welcomed the decision by the independent Police Foundation to set up an inquiry into He emphasised that he was

not expressing a view on decriminalisation. "It is a subect that deserves, in my judgment, detached, objective, independent consideration. "It may very well be that the result of such consideration

would be that to tinker with the current prohibition would be madness. But that doesn't seem to me an argument against considering the Last week, Jack Straw, the

Home Secretary, addressing the Labour Party conference, ruled out any move to decriminalise illegal drugs



Natural stars duck out of their big TV debut

crew could film them in flight

from just feet away. He

learned their calls to be able

THE BBC's world-renowned mislaid four of its star per-formers. The five-month-old ruddy shelducks had been raised by hand and were being trained to follow a camera car. but they vanished over the horizon on a

Six of the rare ducks were being groomed to star in an edition of The Natural World due to be broadcast next year. They were flying in perfect formation at an RAF base in Somerset when they peeled off and flew away. Despite the plaintive calls of Conrad Maufe, the BBC field assistant who had taken over the role of their natural mother, only two returned next day. The others were last

Mr Maufe, a naturalist.

had spent hundreds of hours rearing the ducklings at a private bird collection near Bristol, hand-feeding them and teaching them to follow him. The plan was to make them fly after him as he called from a car so a camera

to "speak" to them. The ruddy shelduck, Tadorna ferruginea and not to be confused with the smaller ruddy duck, is reddish-brown with a black beak. It is found wild in Spain, North Africa, Turkey and the Middle East, but numbers are declining. Mr Maufe, who has been searching for his lost family since last Friday, said: "It's possible their migratory instinct

to head south, or just want to explore a bit. I think they'll probably be on some pond or

Mark Flowers, assistant producer at the BBC Natural History Unit in Bristol, said: 'Conrad was like a parent to those ducks. He even had to put on wellies and lead them into ponds and lakes. It's a time-consuming technique, but amazing footage like this is what we're famous for."

white and red leg-tags. Richard Millington, of the Birdline information service, said: "If they stick together we'll hear about them. But I doubt whether a human will ever regain their trust. It's about the time when they would naturally break from their parents and go off on



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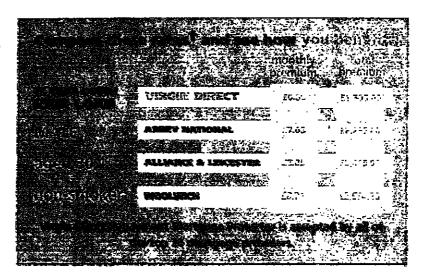
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Hague forced to backtrack over single currency

By JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

WILLIAM HAGUE has been forced to water down his policy on a single currency after a revolt by pro-Europeans in the Shadow Cabinet. During the Tory leadership

campaign. Mr Hague said that he would not let Britain join a single currency for the next ten years — until the end of the next Parliament. But yesterday he disappointed Eurosceptics by avoiding a timetable, saying only that he would rule it out for the foreseeable future.

When pressed if he meant no entry during the next Parliament, he replied: "I'm not going into hypotheses about future Parliaments. It means, certainly, if there was a referendum on the single currency in the next few years. we would be campaigning for

One of the most senior Eurosceptics, Michael Howard, said that "foreseeable future" meant until the end of the next Parliament. But other Shadow Cabinet ministers privately agreed that the policy had been toned down to exclude a deadline.

The change has been made only in the past few days. Last Thursday, the Shadow Cabinet agreed to rule out entering economic monetary union for a decade. The Tories would go into the next election pledging that they would not sign up during the next Parliament.

phoned the absentees shortly afterwards, they said that the new line was unacceptable. "They went up the wall," said one insider.

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ever. Others agreed reluctantly to toe the ten-year line. But the key pro-Europeans in the Cabinet - Stephen Dorrell, David Curry, Alistair Goodlad and Sir George Young were not present because of

long-standing engagements.
When Mr Hague teleworks in practice.

By Saturday Mr Hague had agreed to fudge the line by removing the timetable. John Major appeared to be aware of the development when he wrote in The Sunday Telegraph that a single currency should be ruled out "in the Mr Hague has asked the

Shadow Cabinet to hold that line until its next meeting after the conference. But there were signs that the fudge - almost identical to Mr Major's wait and see policy — was not sustainable. "Our line changes by the hour," said a senior Shadow minister. This is John Major all over

Mr Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, kept to the agreed line during his conference speech. But he said on BBC Breakfast News that "foreseeable future" effectively meant ten years. Mr Hague had said "that he expects to fight the next general election

Parliament." Earlier Mr. Howard had told representatives that many Tories had profound objections to the euro. "Others who do not rule out entry at some point feel that it would be the utmost folly to take part in such a risky economic experiment until we have had a decent opportunity to see how it

> "But we come together on this point. William Hague has been absolutely right to make it clear that the policy of this party is that Britain should not give up the pound in the foreseeable future."

Mr Howard played to the Eurosceptic elements of his audience, who earlier made known their own antipathy to the euro. Some argued that Britain should pull out of Europe altogether.

Anne-Louise Barnes, a Young Conservative from Wyre Forest, Hereford and Worcester, said: "There is only one answer to a single currency. As a famous lady once said, no, no, no'."

Peter Callard, from Lewes, East Sussex, said that it was time to end the "wait and see" policy espoused by Mr Major. "It was an honourable policy promoted by an honourable man, but it is time to move on. We could not sell wait-and-see

on the doorstep." Paul Oakley, from Greater London Young Conservatives, said that Mr Hague should "rule out our participation in



Figon Jenkins with a visitor to Bradley Beaver's restaurant yesterday. She sat the toddlers on her lap but declined all offers of candyfloss

Ffion finds refuge at Beaver Creek

WHEN Ffion Jenkins accepted William Hague's proposal of marriage she may not have suspected that as a consequence she would have to take lunch sitting on a toadstool at Bradley Beaver's restaurant.

The First Fiancee has been working hard for her future husband's image. Her appearance in a £2,000 dress on the first night of the conference seemed to have been a success. Quite how much pleasure she gained from her jaunt yesterday to Blackpool Pleasure Beach only she could say.

Saying, however, is something Miss Jenkins does not do. Her silence in the presence of journalists exceeds

Damian Whitworth searches in vain for signs of amusement from the Tories' First Fiancée

even that of Mr Hague. Miss Jenkins, the press was informed, would be at Beaver Creek kiddles' park shortly before noon yesterday. There would be strictly no interviews. Intrigued, The Times took the tram to the Pleasure Beach and found a large gathering of like-minded journalists. Unlike the Fleetwood fishmarket debacle of Mr Hague's first conference photo-call, on this occasion the servative Party had found plenty

of people for Miss Jenkins to meet. A

group of toddlers had arrived on a day out and were tucking into egg sandwiches sitting on their toadstool seats at their toadstool tables at Bradley Beaver's Catering Company at the heart of the windswept amusement park that is Beaver Creek.

Miss Jenkins dangled the tots on her knees, tried a little conversation but declined photographers' offers of candyfloss. She also refused to say whether or not she was enjoying

ride on the Big One, the rollercoaster that is the pride of Blackpool.

A desperate radio reporter was reduced to commentating: "We are allbeing moved back now ... the children are still not looking very interested ..." interested ...

Then Miss Jenkins said something. That's enough," and she disappeared inside to talk to some more children. "She's seeking refuge inside Bradley Beaver's place ... " the radio reporter said breathlessly. Then it was time to hop back on a golf buggy and trundle off to the waiting car. There wasn't even a minute to spare, apparently, to stop and check out

I'm happy to be called a dinosaur, says unrepentant Tebbit

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD TEBBIT, basking in Chingford skinhead after creating a disturbance at the Tory to continue his campaign against a multicultural The Tory elder statesman,

whose three-hour appearance in Blackwool dominated the

missed his rebuke from William Hague and said he enjoyed the kind of abuse

In a speech on Tuesday to a fringe meeting of Conserva-Europe, he said multiculturalism was a divisive force. adding: "One cannot uphold two sets of ethics or Le loyal to two nations, any more than a man can have two masters."

Mr Hague's officials condemned the speech and compared him to a "dinosaur on the rampage'

Yesterday Lord Tebbit said: "I do not object in the slightest to being called a dinosaur. The species which dominated the planet for a very long time." He returned home immediately after his speech on Tuesday, without having set foot in the conference centre. "I

Asked whether he regretted

his remarks, or the criticism heaped on him, he said: "Not in the slightest. I enjoy the young and ambitious politician I might be concerned. But I am not. I am an old politician who is not ambitious. They can say what they like." Mr Hague, however, was

determined to lay down the law. Referring to previous controversial remarks by Lord Tebbit, he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "Norman's always had his own cricket tests of various kinds. I if you don't want to be part of the team then get off the field." But even as Mr Hague asserted his authority Lord Tebbit was pursuing a new line of opposition, this time

over gay rights. He criticised Mr Hague for sending a message of support to the Gay Pride march in London this year. He said: "If I had been the leader of the Conservative Party, I wouldn't have done so. compatible with our family

Lord Tebbit, who backed John Redwood in the Tory leadership contest, has never been close to William Hague.

They hardly know each other and rarely speak. Party members were divid-

ed over Lord Tebbit's speech

yesterday. Margaret Mervis, chairman of Wandsworth and "He unfairly interpreted. wasn't saying we didn't want to integrate people, he was saying the reverse. We want these people but if they are going to have a stake in

Britain then they must absorb the culture of the country." But Stuart Andrew from Wrexham said: "I think William Hague has got the right attitude. If we are going to win the next election there are so have got to get back on board from all walks of life - black. Asian and gay."

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Archer heads calls for big say in leadership

By Polly Newton and James Landale

JEFFREY ARCHER led a accept there is a great need for barrage of calls vesterday from Tory activists for a greater say in the election of the leader. The former deputy chairman of the party was given a standing ovation at the conference after he said that the rank and file should have it least 50 per cent of the votes

in a leadership ballot. The future of our party, the selection of our leader and discussions on future policy should not be left to a handful of MPs who think they have some superior wisdom we have not been afflicted with" he said. It was not the party workers who lost us the last

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare said that if Tory supporters were expected to go on campaigning and raising money, they should be given some influence over policy and the leadership. Sir Archibald Hamilton, chairman of the 1922 Committee of MPs, accepted that reform would require "compromise on all sides" and said: "We too

these reforms." Sir Archibald acknowl-

edged that the rank and file members should a say in the leadership contests. But he was boosed when he said that MPs must retain the largest share of any electoral college vote "because any new leader needs to command the support of the majority of the Parliamentary party". Lord Archer joined several speakers in attacking Conser-

vative MPs for fighting amongst themselves. Even I underestimated the Parliamentary party's ability to form a circular firing squad," he said. "If we are to be trusted by the British people once again we must stop quarrelling among ourselves and, if there are those who cannot stop quarrelling. I say to them, Shove off and join another

Jonathan Mariand from Salisbury said: "I witnessed a great party, the party of natu-ral government, fall into a openly feuded amongst itself. A party that rounded viciously on its leader.

And in all this, the party has suffered at the hands of a few who have put their own interests before those of the nation and our associations. We know who they are. These reforms must allow us to turf those people out. MPs must understand who they are working for — the electorate.

John Strafford, from Wessex Area, accused the 1922 Committee of acting like the town council in Jurassic Park" and called for ordinary members to have a direct vote in leadership elections. "We want the full monty of democ-

racy," he said.

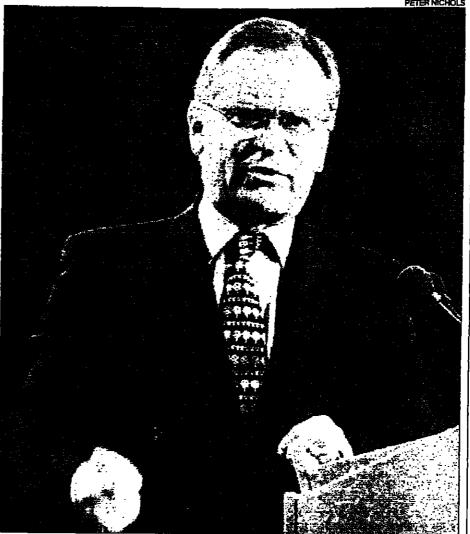
Marjorie Simpson, chairman of Stockton South, blamed MPs for the election defeat. "I understand that even here some leading figures are rattling their sabres and sharpening their knives. The voluntary party is no longer willing watching while they destroy

our leader and our party. Loyalty should be rewarded. disloyalty should be dealt with severely and permanently."

Eric Chalker, from Greater London Area, said Mr Hague should give activists a greater representation on the new controlling board. Robin Hodgson chairman of National Union voluntary wing of the party, said the proposed changes provided the basic building blocks for reform but urged activists to speak their minds during the consultation period. "I do not believe the sensible expression of person-al views about the future of our party is an issue of loyalty," he said.

We, the volunteers, must accept the need for change. But so must the Members of Parliament.

Archie Norman, the Tory vice-chairman who drew up the reform "green paper", sought to calm grassroots fears by recognising the "real and genuine" concerns. But he warned that there would be "balances and trade-offs".



Lord Archer: "It was not party workers who lost us the election" he

Clarke has eye on Hague's job

BY ANDREW PIERCE

KENNETH CLARKE dismayed the Tory leadership yesterday when he refused to rule out mounting a challenge against William

The former Chancellor. who was the choice of the party activists to succeed John Major, reaffirmed his burning ambition to become party leader and Prime Minister. Asked whether he would challenge a serving Tory leader. he said: "I have no idea. I have no intention of standing against the present

one. At the present time." In an interview with the London Evening Stan-dard, Mr Clarke loyally repeated that the Tories would win the next elec-tion with Mr Hague at the helm, but said he had an open mind on his strategy if they lost

If the Tories won, he said, his chances of leading the party would be getting thin or thinnish".

Tories have yet to face up to their new status

THE party grassroots angry about their MPs, and demanding a majority say in the election of the leader. Sounds familiar? At the Labour conference in Brighton after it had lost the 1979 election, the surviving MPs and ex-MPs were corralled into a prominent pen where they were denounced as "traitors" by every delegate wanting to win asy applause. It was the first public sign of the Bennite ipsurge which convulsed Labour over the following two ears, and ended the MPs

nonopoly in the election of the Tory manners are more estrained, and no fingers and traitors is vere waved accusingly yesterlay in the party reform derate, though it came very iear. And, unlike Labour in 979, the Tory grass roots are not blaming the last Governnent. However, speaker after peaker was loudly cheered whenever they criticised the parliamentary party, and its livisions. Jeffrey Archer took

ON POLITICS

on the tub-thumping mantle of

Michael Heseltine in attackng MPs who had criticised the Major Government and he won a similarly enthusiastic ovation. It is, after all, more than two decades since Lord Archer was a Tory backbench-

The behaviour of some MPs as weakened their claim to clusive wisdom. Sir Archioald Hamilton, chairman of he 1922 executive and epitome of the inward looking ancien regime, was clearly out of tune with the grassroots in arguing esterday that members of the Commons should have the argest share of the votes in iny electoral college. He was even, horror of horrors, jeered

Sir Archibald is right that MPs have a unique insight into the ments of various randidates, so there is a strong case for MPs having the exclusive right of nomination. But it is much harder to justify MPs having a majority say in the final election of the leader. The age of deference is over, is one angry speaker said. Several others said that one membership. upheavals after 1979, there is a danger of the MPs becoming

easy scapegoats as the much wider malaise is ignored. The minority of familiar troublemakers often made John Major's premiership hell and they helped to turn the Tory defeat into a rout. But the fractiousness of a couple of dozen MPs was only one reason. The eagerness of members of the Shadow Cabinet to don hair shirts and take the blame for the loss has sounded insincere as well as unconvincing.

The search for scapegoats

evasion, and usually a politi-cally dishonest one. Blame the MPs" disguises the real reasons why the Tories lost and puts off the necessary inquest. Labour wasted the first half of the 1979-83 parliament obsessed with internal constitutional arguments. At least the Tories are now sensibly trying to resolve these matters much more quickly with the final package ap-

proved next spring.

But apart from yesterday's debate, there has been a marked reluctance so far to face up to the consequences of defeat. The Labour victory has been seen as merely a triumph of public relations and most speakers have failed to recognise, let alone understand, the change in public mood. Many Tories, including

quite a few ex-ministers, talk. and behave, as if they were still in office. They have sounded complacent in refer-ring to the "golden legacy" which Labour has inherited. almost as if there was nothing wrong with the last Government's policies. The Major Government did have a better record than was widely thought at the time. But not only is this the wrong time to make such self-justificatory claims, but it also hinders the necessary re-thinking by the party. One historically minded MP joked that the mood must have been similarly un-

real in Vichy in 1943. The Tory leadership hopes that yesterday's debate will end the party's public soulsearching. But its readjustment to its new position is only

PETER RIDDELL

Redwood moves to another planet

By Andrew Pierce

resterday to dispel once and conference hall to the platform or all his image as a Vulcan oy transporting himself to

Having been dogged for rears by the Vulcan nickname ne has decided to reinvent nimself. The Mr Spock of British politics, so called pecause of his alien air and slight resemblance to the Star Frek character, presented a ofter image at the party conference yesterday.

Mr Redwood, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary. sported a fresh haircut; a varm grin, and stylish suit and tie. As the loudspeakers plared the Jupiter sequence roup Gustav Holst's Planet

IOHN REDWOOD sought. Suite, he marched through the to cheers and loud applause. His speech was intended to

reveal that Mr Redwood had a sense of humour after all "Yes, that music was from the Planet suite," he declared. "Some attribute to me superhuman powers. Given the mess that mere mortal Labour politicians are making of things that is no bad thing. His aides were delighted.

humourous, and definitely very human politician. The Vulcan is dead and buried." They clearly do not watch Star Trek. Vulcans live for

This is the new John," said one. That showed the warm.

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Victim died 'because fireman halted rescue'

A widow's case questions the brigade's power. Richard Duce reports

of a trapped building foreman when he ordered the man's workmates to stop trying to dig him free from a trench, the High Court was told

yesterday.
A case for compensation brought by the dead man's widow is thought to be the first personal-injury claim against firemen involved in a rescue operation. Eileen Daly, 66, of Downham, southeast London. claims that the workmates of her husband, Hugh, could have saved him and that Station Officer Bob Smith had no lawful authority to instruct them to stop.

Mr Daly, 51, suffocated to death under 12ft of earth after the trench collapsed on him in September 1991 at the site of a new sports centre in Guildford, Surrey, Richard Davies, QC, for Mrs Daly, said that Mr Daly was trapped after he climbed into the trench to mend a broken pipe.

Bernard O'Halloran, a digger driver, began a rescue attempt and removed 3ft of

earth from an adjacent trench in an attempt to reach Mr Daly, who was being fed oxygen through a pipe by ambulancemen. The fireman ordered a hall to the rescue attempts while his men took

Mr Davies told the court: "Mr O'Halloran says his intention was mechanically to excavate a trench at 90 degrees

Compensation claim: Eileen Daly yesterday

could be rescued. What Mr O'Halloran was attempting to do was understood and expressly agreed to by people who had expertise in trench construction.

"Mr O'Halloran's assertion is that Station Officer Smith called out and ordered him to stop. He did that by jumping into the trench Mr O'Halloran had dug, standing on the excavator bucket and telling him to stop, that he was in charge, and that if anything happened to the man he, Mr O'Halloran, could find himself

to the existing trench, leaving a

barrier of earth between the

two trenches, and then to

permit a trench box to be lowered so that the final one,

two or three feet of earth could

be excavated by hand.
"That was the most expedi-

tious way and probably the only way by which Mr Daly

on a charge of manslaughter. Mr O'Halloran regrets following that instruction to this day. Had Mr O'Halloran been allowed to continue or resume

probabilities, have been saved

Firemen started their own rescue attempt. Forty minutes later, they got close enough to Mr Daly, but a doctor pronounced that he was certainly dead. Mr Daly's workmates were then allowed to continue their excavations. His body was dug free nearly three hours after he became trapped.

Mr Davies said that mem-bers of the fire brigade could take over a situation only in the event of a fire. Other duties such as rescues were "special duties" which they had no legal obligation to perform, he

Mrs Daly is claiming dam-ages for alleged negligence from Surrey County Council. which is responsible for the actions of Surrey Fire Brigade. The council denies liability. claiming that Station Officer Smith, now retired, acted correctly and that the digger operated by Mr O'Halloran was making matters worse. The hearing continues.



Faces from the past: Women of Fyston celebrating on VE-Day. Below, the photographer Jack Hulme



Rescue for pit pictures that made a village cry

By PAUL WILKINSON

A PHOTOGRAPHIC record of life in a mining village has been saved from certain destruction. Shot on volatile nitrate film, the scenes were gradually degrading into an explosive jelly which threatened to burst into flames.

Now the 15,000 images are being transferred first to modern safety film and eventually on to a CD-Rom comput er dise, in a £2,000 project at Pontefract Museum, west Yorkshire. The pictures, dating from the Depression to the 1960s, were shot by Jack Hulme, a disabled pit

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worker in nearby Frysion. Richard Van Riel, the museum's curator, said: "As an historical document, his photographs are irreplaceable. We put on an exhibition in the village and we couldn't believe the response. Some people were in tears as many could not afford cameras when they were younger and got to see their parents' faces for the

first time in years."

Mr Hulme, who died aged 83 in 1990, took many of the pictures on surplus film from RAF stock which had to be cut up to fit his camera. Many were of weddings and funerals as he used his wife's gift of a Leica camera to earn extra cash. As a child, he had lost the use of one of his legs in a playground accident, but went down the pit as a first-aider and also worked as

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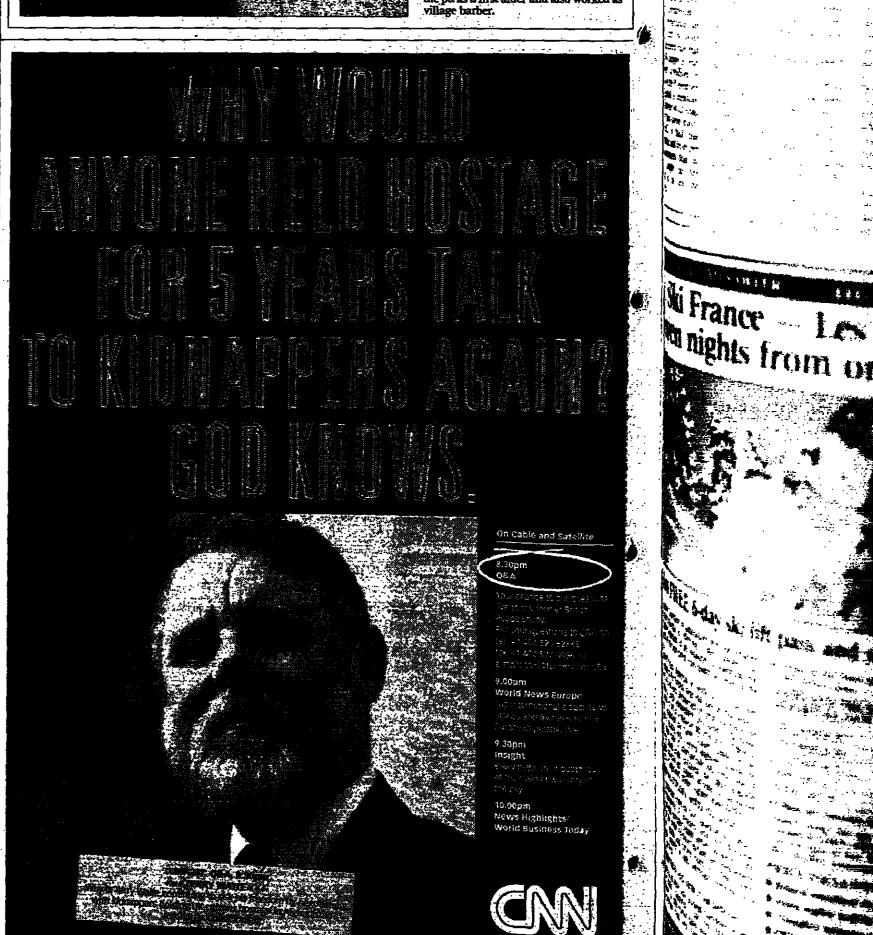
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Death of Princess could cut alcohol limits

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

THE death of Diana. Princess of Wales, will be invoked today by Neil Kinnock, the EU Transport Commissioner, when he calls on Britain and seven other EU states to bring their drink-driving limits to a standard level of 50 milligrams per litre of blood. The level represents about two glasses of wine or a pint of beer.

The deaths of the Princess and Dodi Fayed, her companion, in a crash that also killed Henri Paul their driver, who had been drinking — had focused public_attention on the dangers of drunken driving, Mr Kinnock is due to tell EU Transport Ministers. About 40,000 people had been killed on EU roads since the Paris accident. "If, at a time when there is widespread and justified public grief about that tragedy, there can also be deeper public understanding about the causes of those preventable deaths then perhaps some good can come out of the horror.

The Government has welcomed Mr Kinnock's initiative and said it plans to reduce the British limit from 80 milligrams to 50 next year. Britain has the lowest accident rate in the EU.

France, which has twice Britain's road-death rate, has enforced a 50 milligram limit for the past three years. Sweden has the lowest limit in the EU at 20 milligrams. The death rate is highest in Greece, Portugal and Belgium. Most EU states alrandom alcohol testing of drivers.

Mr Kinnock cited Brit-

ish and French scientific evidence that shows that the risk of accident is doubled when the bleed alcohol content is 50 and by ten times when the level is 80. The Commission is trying to orchestrate an EU-wide effort to bring down an accident rate that kills 45,000 people a year and injures 1.6 million on the roads of the 15 member states. Alcohol is implicated in a quarter of all road accidents that cause injury in the EU, in half that cause deaths and in 65 per cent of accidents that involve a single car, Mr Kinnock is to tell the

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'Lollipop' may lick problem of drivers on drugs

By Shirley English

SCIENTISTS are developing "lollipop" roadside test to identify drivers under the influence of drugs. The saliva-based analysis, based on one lick by the suspected motorist. is believed to be the first of its kind in the world.

Drivers on drugs are a rapidly growing problem in Britain. A Department of Transport study revealed that a quarter of people involved in fatal accidents in the 11 months from October 1996 had taken drugs, 20 per cent of

which were illegal.
The hand-held testing device is being developed by Cozart Bioscience in Abingdon. Oxfordshire, and is undergoing accuracy trials with forensic scientists at Glasgow University. Prototypes are in production and it could be ready for use in a year, although legislation would have to be introduced to give police powers to take a saliva

Early trials show that it is 95-100 per cent accurate, a success rate comparable to conventional laboratory urine and blood tests. Ten different drugs, including cannabis, Ecstasy, cocaine, methadone. amphetamines, benzodiazepines, opiates including heroin and morphine, and

by the device. Police using the "lollipop" would ask suspect motorists to place an absorbent swab attached to a plastic "lolly" stick into their mouth to take a saliva sample.
The disposable swab would

then be placed in a mobilephone-sized test box which would give a digital reading of the drugs present within five minutes. The chemical test box uses immunoassay, or antibodies, to detect substances. If the test proved positive,

officers would then take the

person to a police station

where a second, conventional,

blood or urine sample would be taken for a corroborating analysis in a laboratory. At the moment there is no on-the-spot screening device to help police to identify drivers

on drugs. Traffic officers have



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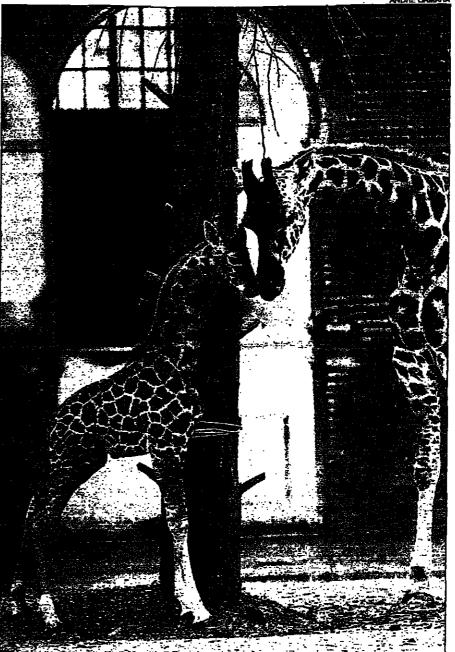
to rely on recognising the symptoms of drug-taking and must have a suspicion the motorist's driving is impaired

The "lollipop" has been developed over the past year with a £45,000 grant from the Department of Trade and Industry. The company has already had talks with the Forensic Science Service, the agency for the Home Office. would have to give its approval before the device was

adopted by forces nationwide. The Department of Transport and the Home Office have also shown interest in a cigar-shaped skin-swipe developed in Germany which can detect four different drugs from sweat samples.

According to Christopher Hand, managing director of Cozart, the "lollipop" could also be used for employee screening and by drug clinics. It could be further developed for sport to detect drugs such as steroids. The cost of the device has not yet been

There is no roadside test for drugs at the moment, but this could be used in the same way as the hand-held breathayser. As far as we know it is the first of its kind in the world," he said.



Father is not past his peak: mother Crackers and one of her calves yesterday

Sporting giraffe achieves a double

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN ELDERLY giraffe has surprised staff at London Zoo by fathering offspring by two mates within less than a month of each other. At the age of 22, he was thought to have been too old for parent-

The father is named Hillary, after the mountaineer Sir Edmund. Yesterday the zoo was looking for ideas for names for the two male calves, possibly continuing a tradition of sporting heroes. Andy James, one of his keepers, said: "Hillary is a bit old for this sort of thing. The average life of a giraffe in captivity is only about 25 nterested in the ladies.'

In the past, calves have been named after the footballer Gary Lineker, the skijumper Eddie the Eagle, the runner Saliy Gunnell and the tennis star Virginia Wade Mr James said: "It's about time we had another footballeт.

Hillary's two mates, Dawn and Crackers, gave birth on the August 25 and September 8. As the calves went before the cameras yesterday, they were still shy with strangers, and stuck by their mothers in the zoo's custom-built

Since they arrived at the 200, Crackers has had eight calves and Dawn nine. All were fathered by Hillary.

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Breathalyser has saved 62,000 lives

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

THE breathalyser cost just five shillings when it was introduced 30 years ago today. but it has saved an estimated 62.000 lives

The handheld blow-in-thebag" gadget became part of British life after Barbara Castle, then the Transport Minister, decided that action was needed to reduce the toll of road casualties. About 2,000 people were dying in drinkdriving accidents every year; at Christmas 1966, 158 were killed in five days.

Before the 1967 Road Safety Act, driving under the influence of a few drinks was often viewed with more amusement than concern. As Mrs Castle formulated her plans, newspapers were filled with indignation at the supposed infringement of motorists rights and warnings that pubs would go out of business.

A device was needed that was small enough for police to carry yet accurate enough to

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provide evidence that the driver was over the limit. The answer came from Dräger, based in Northumberland. Its Alcotest 80 machine, approved by Mrs Castle, was an arrangement in which the driver blew over a phial of crystals which changed colour to signal that there was more than 80mg of alcohol in the blood.

In spite of all the fuss raised over the introduction of the breathalyser, motorists were caught by surprise when police started using it. The first test was administered on a motorist in Somerset on the first day of the new law.

Drink-related road deaths fell 11 per cent in the first year after the breathalyser's introduction. Last year such deaths were down to 540 from that horrific peak in the Sixties.

At 60mgs of alcohol in blood, a driver's chances of having a fatal accident double, according to the British Medical Association.

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Facing destruction: Glenfeshie Forest is dying because of overgrazing by sheep and deer, claims the WWF

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AN ANCIENT Scottish pine forest, said to be "dying on its feet", is among thousands of woodland regions worldwide in need of urgent protection if they are to survive the next

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The warning about Glen-feshie Forest came from the World Wide Fund for Nature lands that covered the globe after the last Ice Age have and housing. The charity said the level of loss of forests was rising in Asia and Europe, triggering catastrophic de-struction of landscape and

loss is said to have increased by more than a third in the past five years. Martin Mathers, of the fund, said the inability of governments to adequately protect special, old growth, forests was not conined to the developing world. Glenfeshie Forest, in the Cairngorms, part of a privately owned 17,000-hectare estate which has recently been put

Earth Summit of 1992, forest



is one of only eight remnants of the once-mighty Caledonian forests. The area is home to pine martens, golden eagles, wildcats, red squirrels, caper caillie and the Scottish crossbill, the only British bird found nowhere else in the world. The forest is dying. however, because no new trees are surviving the overgrazing by sheep and deer. Simon Pepper, head of WWF Scot-

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ing on its feet and exemplifies the fate of native forests in the UK as a whole."

In theory Glenfeshie, of which only 250 hectares of the ancient forest remains, is a protected area under national and proposed European habitat directives. The system of agencies and landowners which operates in Britain has failed to conserve the site.

Mr Mathers said: "I was in the forest recently and we could not find a tree under 150 years old." A spokesman for the Forestry Commission said erday that it and Scottish Natural Heritage, the Government's wildlife advisers, were trying to put a consortium

together to buy the land. There are fears, however, that yet another private purshooting rather than conservation, may buy Glenfeshie. The news came as fund launched a list of 100 of Europe's most biologically imgovernments to protect properly by 2000. The list has been compiled by the group in cooperation with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge, scientists, gov emment experts and

62 per cent of Europe's origithe fund says. The group claims that 98 per cent of forests are unprotecti dinavia to temperate rainforests in Georgia and Turkey

isappearing.
The fund called on Eurothe lead of Finland, where the

The fund's research indi-cates that the Asian Pacific has lost 88 per cent of its original forest cover: Europe 62 per cent; Africa 45 per cent; Latin

Fires similar to those in Indonesia which have triggered huge, health-damaging, smogs throughout the region. are also raging in the Amazon, Steve Howard, of the fund, said yesterday. He claims 500,000 hectares - an area a quarter the size of Wales - is

spite laws requiring owners of covered in forest, Brazil's de-forestation continued dut of control. The fund calculates that, for every 200 hettares burnt legally, 1,000 are burnt accidentally.

Dutch elm disease reaches all parts

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

DUTCH disease has caused by a microscopic fun invaded the last part of Brit-ain left untouched by the The fungus is spiead by two leftal infection, which during types of flying beetle that lay the past 30 years has virtually wiped out what was once among the most familiar of

native trees. Scientists have diagnosed the sickness in an elm in a garden near Nairn, on the south coast of the Moray Firth. Derek Redfern, a tree pathologist with the Forestry Commission at Roslin, near Edinburgh, said: The disease has been moving north, but this is the first case we have found in the Moray Fixth, the only area that was still free of

Dutch elm disease called because scientists in The Netherlands were the

their eggs in elm back 2.

Dr Redfern said it was possible that the Nairn tree was an isolated case, caused by the chance introduction of the fungus on logs or fire wood, but if that was not so it would be difficult to stop the disease spreading. The only way of halting the disease is to destroy the tree before the bank beetle has a chance to migrate," he said. "But in a rural area it is difficult to be sure you have identified all

the infected trees." The current epidemic began in 1965 in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, and is estimated to have killed 25 mil-

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The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SWI at 12.00 and 12.00 an 7.30pm: Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2.0ff the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him. THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

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Papon at risk of jail death, says lawyer

The final act of a judicial marathon began yesterday as a frail 87-year-old faced claims that he deported hundreds to die, writes Ben Macintyre in Bordeaux

MAURICE PAPON, the elderlyretired civil servant on trial deporting hundreds of Jevs to Nazi death camps in the Second World War, confronted his accusers across a Boldeaux courtroom for the first time yesterday as his lawyer argued that the ac-custed man could die if held in jail throughout the long judi-

M Papon. 87, appeared frail but self-controlled behind a bullet-proof glass screen as his lawer. Jean-Marc Varaut. threatened legal action if the stress of imprisonment proved fatal to his client, who is sufering from heart disease.

solemnly declare that if he dos not survive, his family and his lawyers will pursue all those responsible," M Varaut said, noting that M Papon urderwent triple bypass surgery last year.



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the pro-Nazi Vichy regime is accused of organising the de-portation of more than 1,500 Jews from Bordeaux between 1943 and 1944, only a handful of whom survived the Nazi gas chambers...

Papon is liable to be held in determion throughout the trial, but his lawyers insisted there was no danger that he would attempt to flee and that he should be freed on bail.

M Varant argued that his client, who he described as the oldest prisoner in the world, had slept for only three hours during his first night in prison on the eve of the trial, and claimed that the strain of incarceration had already caused "the begin-nings of suffocation".

He said M Papon was being held in a ten-square-metre cell without special medical equip-ment and had been forced to use a special device several times during the night to prevent a heart attack.

In a sign of what is to come in a trial that will last for at least three months, lawyers for the defence, prosecution and civil plaintiffs in the case skirmished vehemently over whether the ageing bureau-crat should be freed during his

M Papon, who was clad in a blue suit and dark tie, cut a composed if gaunt figure — the model of an austere civil servant — at the beginning of the final act of a judicial marathon that has taken 16 years to come to court, more than half a century after the

But in a sign of his nervousentwined and his brow furrowed repeatedly as he gazed directly ahead. When asked to comment, M Papon declared in a clear voice that he wished to "work with legal advisers without having to put up with the intolerable weight of

Only once did he smile: when his lawyer pointely reministre", a reference to the highest office of his glittering post-war career as budget minister under President Giscard d'Estaing.

According to judicial ex-perts, if M Papon is released on bail for the trial, he is likely to remain at liberty, even if sentenced to life imprisonment during the long appeals process that is sure to follow. If so, the ailing accused war criminal's current stay in Gradignan jail may be his first and last experience of

prison.

M Papon has threatened to refuse to answer questions in court if he is forced to remain in detention, prompting an

Gerard Boulanger, a lawyer representing many of the fam-ilies of Jews deported on M Papon's orders, described the threat as "more blackmail". "Once again he is fleeing and hiding in the shadows,"

M Boulanger said. M Varaut, however, argued that keeping the former Paris police chief in a prison for common criminals was unfair and unnecessary.

On Tuesday night, as M. Papon arrived at Gradignan, outside Bordeaux, fellow in-

The accused man is one of



The grey-haired Maurice Papon arrives at the court yesterday at the start of his trial for deporting hundreds of Jews to Nazi gas chambers more comfortable, pointing to

the atrocities in which he had

allegedly played such a key

argued, noting the "graveyard full of witnesses," which, he suggested. M Papon would be in danger of joining if he continued to be held under such "inhumane conditions".

But prosecutors and civil plaintiffs argued that M Papon should not receive special treatment, given the gravity of the charges against him. The prosecutors insisted that M Papon represented a

while he was officially under judicial supervision, he had been staying in Marbella, Spain, since the beginning of July — a fact that was not made known to prosecutors until September 17.

Henri Desclaux, the chief prosecutor, said that he was prepared to consider other forms of incarceration, "in-The families of those who perished in Auschwitz op-posed making M Papon's life

"I've been having night-mares for two weeks thinking I'm going to breathe the same

air as that man," Thérese Stopnicki, whose younger sisters were among those deported from Bordeaux, said.

ordered to deliver their opinnesses will be summoned to the heavily guarded Bordeaux

establish not only M Papon's precise role in the Final Solution, but also the complex political and moral environment of the entire Vichy era. The court appointed two doctors, including a heart specialist, to examine M

ion by mid-day today. session, ceremonies of remem-

Papon in his cell. They were

holding camp for deportees. and at a synagogue near the court. At Merignac, Serge Klarsfeld, the French Nazi hunter, joined Jewish groups to read out the names of dozens of Jewish children allegedly deported on M Papon's orders.

A poll published yesterday showed French opinion split over the importance of the trial, with 42 per cent express-

Defender of hopeless causes tackles his toughest case yet

his former clients comes close to Maurice Papon.

The enmity evoked by the accused Nazi collaborator and being heaped by association on his lawyer - is precisely the spark that motivates M Varaut lawyer, poet, historian, monarchist and patron of dubious, controversial

or apparently lost causes.

When people are unanimously against one man, that is the moment to be a lawyer, M Varaut, 62 observed before the trial began. "I do not choose my clients. I am chosen." M Varaut faces an

By Ben Macintyre

JEAN-MARC VARAUT has uphill task to persuade the guillotman King Leuis XVI or spent his legal career defend jury, not to mention French former support for "L'Algérie ing unpopular causes But for public opinion, that Mr Française and is defence of sheer pariah status none of Papon is innocent of crimes anti-abortion activists — but against humanity. But his colleagues say that if anyone can swing the case it is the quiet, cerebral and determined barrister from Paris.

For two years M Varaut has ploughed through 20,000 pages of documents and countless books on the Papon case, preparing a defence speech he says will last two full days — the longest plead-

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ing in French legal history. M Varaut prides himself on his sense of the past, which suggests an affinity with history's martyrs. He makes no secret of his advocacy the

Right is "pure chance".

He agreed to defend M Papon, he says, because he is "convinced that this man did nothing but his duty through-

A solid bulldog of a man, M Varaut, a chronic insomniac, looks like a veteran boxer alongside his spare and elegant client. M Varaut com-bines an establishment pedigree with a reputation for dogged perseverence that will ensure M Papon does not go down without a stupendous

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Hezbollah raid casts pall over peace summit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli and Palestinian leaders held their first summit 1993 peace accord. The serifor eight months yesterday, a move described by President

Only hours after Binyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat met, the tinderbox atmosphere in the region was underlined by reports from occupied southern Lebanon that five more Israeli soldiers had been killed and eight wounded in two ambushes mounted by the Iranian-backed Islamic group

Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat have now agreed to meet regularly. The snap summit came amid jitters about Israeli-Palestinian conflict and training exercises by cilitate the reconquest of West Bank towns and cities handed over to the control of Mr Arafat under the terms of the

ousness of the Arab-Israeli crisis was underlined by President Clinton, whose special envoy. Dennis Ross, arranged the two-and-a-half-hour meeting on the Gaza-Israel border. The most important thing

is it occurred and it occurred not a moment too soon," Mr Clinton said of the pre-dawn summit. "We have had some difficult developments in the Middle East. It may be that the developments of the last few days have been so troubling that it has got the attention of both sides.

"I hope that this is what happened," the President added, showing his concern over the deterioration of relations between the Netanyahu Gov-ernment Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority which observers had predicted would abandon the 1993 peace accord.

under a news blackout imposed when both leaders left without speaking to reporters. Mr Ross, who will return to the region for more intensive diplomacy next week, said both had agreed to hold talks

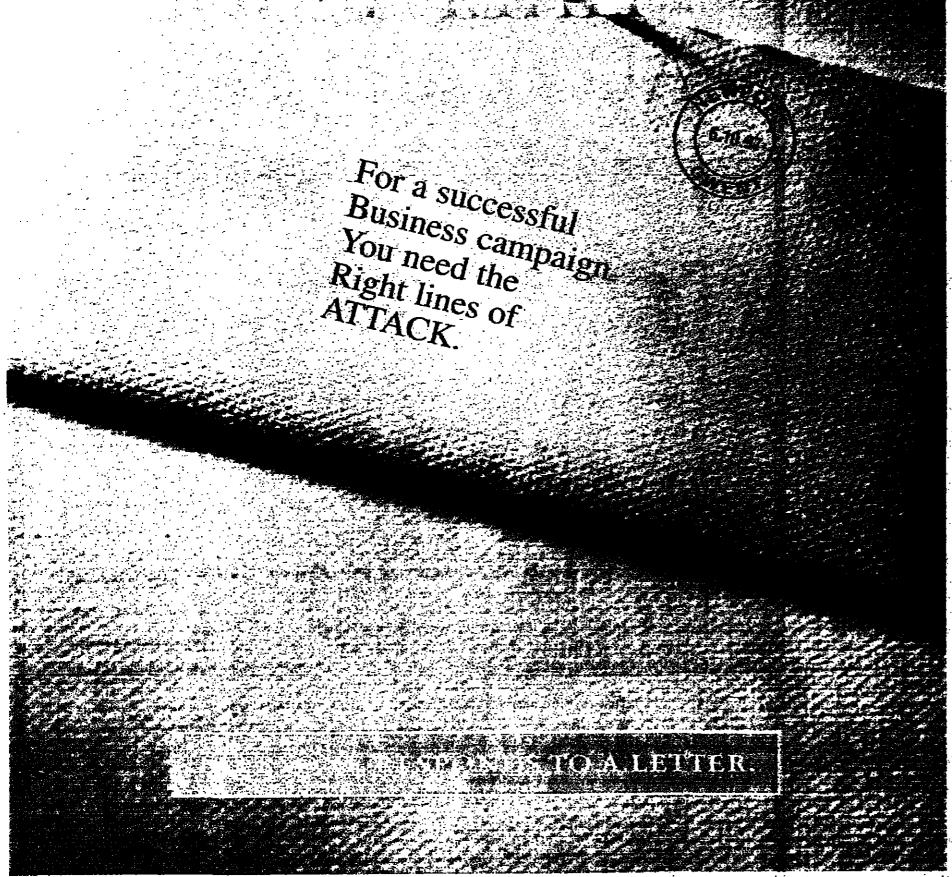
Israel sent a doctor with an antidote to the mystery poison used in the bungled assassing tion attempt on Khaled Meshaal, the Hamas politburo chief in Jordan. Israeli sources said that the chances saving the life of Mr Meshaal, now released from hospital, had been only 50-50.

King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday that if Mr Meshaal had died, he would have broken off the 1994 peace treaty he signed with Israel.

The King said he had told President Clinton "that for me. the life of the peace process



Iranian girls wearing the bright chadors typical of many rural areas, in contast to the black garments common in most of the country





No drop-out for hippies financing aged parents and growing children

PEOPLE over 85 are the Old, is placing an unprece-

known in happier times as "the Woodstock generation" or the Baby Boomers, is the "Sandwith Generation".

Writing in the current issue of The New Yorker magazine, the author James Atlas explains that they are so called because they find themselves "simultaneously writing cheques for their children's college tuition and their par-

ent's nursing home bills".

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that this generation, which still reveals a residue of the happy-go-lucky Baby Boomer mentality, has been much worse at saving tions. Finding themselves now, as Mr Atlas puts it, to be the first American generation with "more parents than off-spring", many of the country's middle-class middle-aged are recling from an embarras aggravated by the fact that

half of all people aged over 85

hidden poor", although most meaning, of course, is the same but the alternative expression is more genteel.

The Old Old are putting a considerable strain on house hold budgets. According to recent surveys, American spend approximately \$2 bil-lion (£1.25 billion) a month on caring for elderly parents and relatives. In fact, 22.4 million American households are involved in caring for elderly family members today, up from only 7 million house-holds ten years ago.

At the same time, more than ten million students are enrolled at universities with the tuition cost of an average four-year degree ranging from \$39,000 at a state university to \$82,000 at the Ivy

League end of the scale. So acute is the budgetary strain that many banks, an offering the Sandwith General generational financia



The hippy generation is now sandwiched between two generations and is struggling to pay for both

Clinton faces gripe of wine industry wrath

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN wine growers Julio Gallo Wine, had lobbied have uncorked a torrent of sour grapes against President Clinion, refusing to support his request for fast-track negotiating authority until he provides a long-promised boost to their sales abroad.

During a series of visits to Capitol Hill, leading Californian vineyard owners have expressed their anger with the President's plans to build on the North American Free Trade Agreement, a pact they had been assured would result in more competitive pricing for American wines in Mexico. In 1993, the Wine Institute which represents the biggest

vineyards such as Ernest and

for the passage of Nafta after winning a promise from Mickey Kantor, then US Trade Representative, to negotiate lower tariffs and so place American wine exports on an equal footing with Chile in the Mexican market. Mr Kantor failed to keep his promise.

refusing to play ball. They are the highest profile antagonists to a fast-track Bill by which Mr Clinton hopes to gain extra powers in negotiating trade policy free of congressional interference. The Administration is now concerned that the





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Croatians deny war crimes charges

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Bosnian Croat who was highest on the United Nations' wanted list yesterday pleaded not guilty at the International War Crimes tribunal in The Hague to charges that he ordered the killing or deportation of thousands of Bosnian Muslim civilians in the former Yugoslavia.

Dario Kordic, 36, one of ten Bosnian Croats who surrendered to UN forces on Monday, repeated 'not guilty' in confident tones to each of 13 charges of crimes against humanity that were read to him in the courtroom in The Hague

Last Monday's detention of Mr Kordic and the other nine, who also entered not guilty

had so far taken only ten suspects into custody out of 77. Two have been convicted. Almost all of those still at large



Kordic charged with supervising killings

are Bosnian Serbs. Intense American diplomatic pressure on President Tudiman of Croatia is deemed to have led to the surrender of Mr Kordic and his compatriots. Mr Kordic had until recent months lived openly in Za-greb, the Croatian capital.

The ten said before their surrender that they had agreed to stand trial in return for a promise of speedy proeedings and all insisted that they could prove their innocence. "My conscience is clear before God and before the Croatian people," Mr Kordic said before boarding a Dutch military plane at Split. Mr Kordic, a former senior

political leader of the selfproclaimed Bosnian Croat re-

ding the operation that drove Muslims from the central Lasva Valley in 1992 and 1993. His men conducted "systematic and wanton" bombing and burning of at least 14 Muslim towns, the indictment says.

Hundreds of people were killed, according to the indica-ment, and thousands of Muslims were taken to detention camps, all under Mr Kordic's direction. He is also accused of organising paramilitary squads that had orders to "kill, terrorise or demoralise

Six of the accused are said to have taken part in an attack on the village of Ahmici in 1993, the scene of the worst massacre in Mr Kordic's alleged campaign of "ethnic cleansing". More than 100



fire or shelling. Every Muslim-owned house and two

mosques were destroyed. No date for a trial was set. If convicted, the men face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Officials at The Hague tribunal have denied Croatian claims that the

men had been assured that they would be tried within three to five months. The court is already trying another Bos-nian Croat, Tihomir Blaskic, a general who is also accused of commanding "ethnic cleansing" operations. Zlatko Aleksovski, another Bosnian Croat cited in the Kordic

tody awaiting trial. The detention of the ten Croatians has served to undermine the argument of the Bosnian Serbs that they are being unfairly targeted by the

indictment, is in tribunal cus-

the tribunal. There are no signs, howev er, that Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader and Ratko Mladic, his military chief during the war, are any closer to being detained.

Yeltsin security officer 'bugged corrupt aides'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

SENIOR Russian figures, including ministers and close aides of President Yeltsin, have been accused of corruption and betrayal by a former intelligence officer who bugged and monitored their activities for years on behalf of

the Kremlim leader. Colonel Valeri Streletsky. who headed a secret investigative department inside the Presidential Security Service, said yesterday that he had collected material that compromised some of the most powerful figures in Russia.

Earlier this year General Aleksandr Korzhakov, Mr Yeltsin's former bodyguard and friend, published an explosive best-seller revealing intimate details of life inside the Kremlin and in particular the Russian leader's bantle with alcoholism. The book has sold half a million copies.

Colonel Streletsky was General Korzhakov's most trusted subordinate and headed a department, which bugged the phones of ministers and senior officials. He plans to publish a book next year.

In an interview with the Moskovsky Komsomolets, the former KGB officer said that he had decided to go public with the material because he felt obliged to tell people what was going on in the corridors of power". Among other alle-gations, he charged that Maksim Boiko, a deputy Prime Minister in charge of privatisation, had changed his name from Shamberg, that he had secretly obtained an American "green card" and that his father was in America teaching at an academy run by the CIA.

In another damaging charge, he alleged that Sergei Filatov, the former head of the presidential administration, had personal ties with a reputed malia boss who had paid for the construction of a million-dollar dacha outside Moscow for him.

Colonel Streletsky said that his spies had uncovered at least two senior government figures and one member of the presidential administration. who were co-operating with foreign intelligence services.

He also claimed to have evidence that many top officials have secretly siphoned money into foreign bank accounts and alleged that Oleg Davydov, the former Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, had accounts in America and Poland.

"When Korzhakov found the material he sent it to Yeltsin, but usually no action was taken," the colonel said. His critics charge that his allegations are politically mo-

ing the young reformers running the Government.
Asked to respond to the allegations during a parliameniary debate yesterday, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, said: "I do not read that newspaper.

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Korzhakov: revealed secrets from Kremlin

Villagers hail chief suspect in Bosnia atrocity as martyr

FROM TOM WALKER IN AHMICI

IN THE Croatian pockets lining central Bosnia's Lasva valley yesterday, Dario Kordic, the biggest catch yet for the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, has already been accorded the status of martyr.

In his hometown of Busovaca, a huge poster of Mr. Kordic flutters alongside a large photograph of Tihofil Blaskic, his friend and general of the Bosnian Croat Army. Further up the valley, above the ruins of Ahmici — a Muslim-dominated town that both are accused of razing to the ground — Croats plead the innocence of their leader. "He sat once in my garden," said

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overlooking Ahmici. "There Muslims started it all. They told us from their mosque that re were besieged "

This is not the version told by Western witnesses to the horrors of the Muslim-Croat. civil war in central Bosnia in the spring of 1993. They describe how more than 100 Muslims were trapped inside their houses and burnt alive by a Croat militia egged on by the political ambitions of Mr Kordic and his colleagues in the Croat Nationalist Party.

Since the massacre whose grisly results were uncovered by British troops with the former United Nations Protection Force

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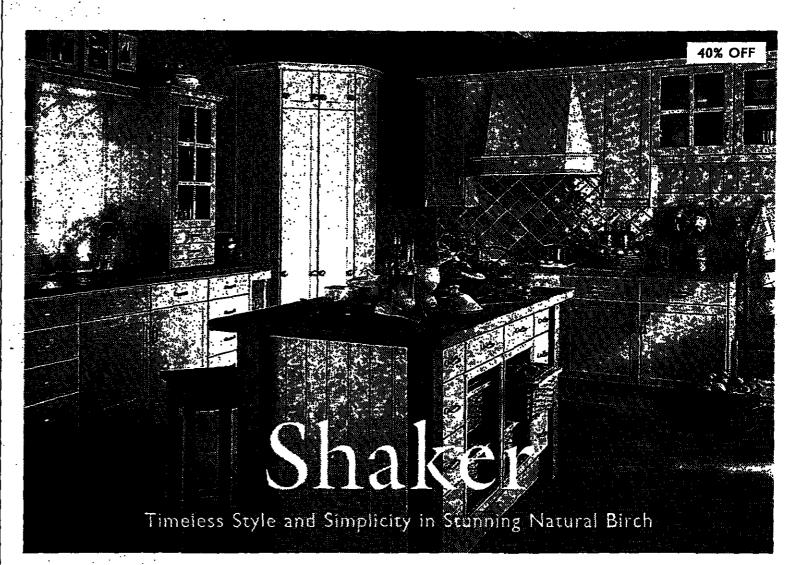
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Katica, who recently returned Ahmici has remained a ghost from Germany to her house town. Burnt-out houses lie in ruins and acres of fields and orchards abandoned. The mosque is split in two by its failen minaret, and daubed

with obscene graffiti. The Croat returnees living on the slopes above Ahmici do not allow their children to go near the ruins. Further north. in Vitez, Croats tell of evil spirits haunting Ahmici, of screams of mothers and babies in the night.

Back in Busovaca, the café ossip is of betrayal — not by the West, but by Croatia. Mr Kordic and nine other Bosnian Croats went to The Hague after pressure from President Tudiman of Croatia who is anxious to secure IMF and World Bank funds.

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Police in disarray amid US capital's decline

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE SWIFT decline of Washington was emphasised yesterday by new evidence that the city's police department is out of control, plagued by mismanagement, and even maintains an unguarded warehouse and laboratory filled with guns and drugs.

A leaked report details a catalogue of appalling condi-tions, lost evidence and failed cases, as well as corruption and theft by officers.

The confidential survey, obtained by The Washington Post, comes eight months after the police union decribed the city as a third world war zone patrolled by a third-rate force.

Prepared by Booz-Allen and Hamilton, a firm of consultants, the report found numerous examples of disarray in the warehouse for evidence.

One officer was injured last year when he accidentally spilt PCP, the hallucinogenic drug, over himself. Medical evidence from rape victims is often spoiled in the heat of the storage area. Computers regularly crash, and evidence is



Barry: re-elected after six-month jail sentence

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stored in a "ready-made shack" about 50ft from the open doors of the warehouse, where the report said there was "absolutely no security" at

Officers and civilians steal petrol from police fuel pumps and 7 per cent of squad cars are constantly missing. Officers were involved in 195 car crashes in police vehicles last

In a city that has one of the highest per capita murder rates in the United States, 49 of its homicide detectives have not closed a case in the last year, and the Justice Department has identified more than 100 murder cases between 1991 and 1994 that could have been solved more quickly but for basic failures in police work.

Last week Larry Soulsby. the chief of police, announced that 22 federal agents would join detectives in attempting to solve old cases. "We're chang-ing the culture." Mr Soulsby said. "We are changing every unit. These are things that have been wrong for 20 years. They didn't occur overnight."

The survey described a lit-Blame for the disarray has been placed not merely on the police department and its eleagured chief, but on Marion Barry, the city's Mayor, who has failed to recognise the need for additional police

smoking crack cocaine with a former model, was jailed for six months in 1990 after three terms as Mayor. He was reelected three years ago, but has failed to improve conditions in Washington, resulting in a federal proposal to run the city's budget.



Jane Fonda in Washington this week. The actress, whose campaign is funded by Durex, says that it is unrealistic to promote abstinence

Activist Fonda promotes British condom

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ster was forced to issue a

IN WASHINGTON

JANE FONDA, the liberal actress whose political activism was renouned during the Vietnam War, is once more pursuing a controversial warpath, angering conservatives with her promotion of the British condom.

The debate over whether to promote chastity or contraception among the since Ms Fonda, or Hanoi Jane as she was once known, this week became the figurehead of a new drive funded

IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN black activists

are organising petitions to try

the country's dictionaries.

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by Durez Consumer Products, the British-owned manufacturer and the world's largest producer of condoms. The Truth for Youth campaign, a

direct counter-assault against a \$50 million (£31.2 million) federal abstinence education programme, as-serts that most Americans want schools to teach abstinence and birth control to their children but argues that the Government campaign prohibits the promotion of contraception. The Durex company was stunned, as many Americans were, that the federal government is giving \$50 million a

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Collegiate Dictionary. With

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fines the word as "a black

abstinence-until-marriage programmes," said Ms Fonda, 59. For the next 14 months she will

shuttle throughout the United States demanding that the Government coach teenagers about the unrealistic aspects of marriage and abstinence. Teenage sex, she said, was a fact of life and the Government must provide young Americans with the tools to pregnancy and sexually trans-

But Ms Fonda's efforts have

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and it is our duty as dictionary

makers to report on it," the

statement said.

Government programme, part of the new Welfare Reform Bill, argue that both she and the Durex company have "completely missed the point".

Senator Lauch Faircloth, a North Carolina Republican, said the Government proposals should include discussions of contraception and sexually-transmitted diseases, including the risks of sexual activity outside marriage. "The root of long-term welfare dependency is the destruction of the family fostered by out-of-wedlock childbearing," he said.

Blacks campaign to erase 'N-word' from dictionary puter operator, and Kathryn

Williams, the curator of a Museum of African-American History in the state. But the debate is complicated by the increasingly common use of Thousands of signatures have been collected in separate petition drives by Delphine the word by blacks themselves, particularly in rap

White House tapes delay fuels row

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE US Justice Department is studying the White House's delay in releasing videotapes of President Clinton's coffee mornings, widening the investigation into the White House's fund-raising prac-

The White House says that the tapes, which show Mr Clinton hosting meetings in the White House with leading Democratic contributors, were discovered last Wednesday. It passed them to the Justice Department on Saturday, a day after Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, rejected more calls for an independent

Disclosures about the sequence of events have fuelled the Republican clamour for Ms Reno to appoint a special counsel, with senators pressing her to say whether she would have done so on Friday had she known of the tapes.

Yesterday, Harold itikes; former White House Deputy Chief of Staff, added his evidence in support of the Clinton Administration's position that its fund-raising techniques were legal. There was no discussion about trying to get foreign money. illegaf money, into the Democratic National Committee or the Clinton Gore campaign." he told the Senate committee investigating allegations of fund-raising abuses. "It does

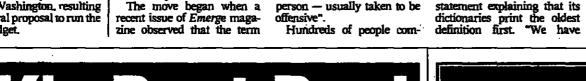
not make political sense." Mr ickes also denied any, knowledge of an alleged illegal cash swap between the Democratic Party and the Teamsters' trade union, which is under investigation by a

New York grand jury.

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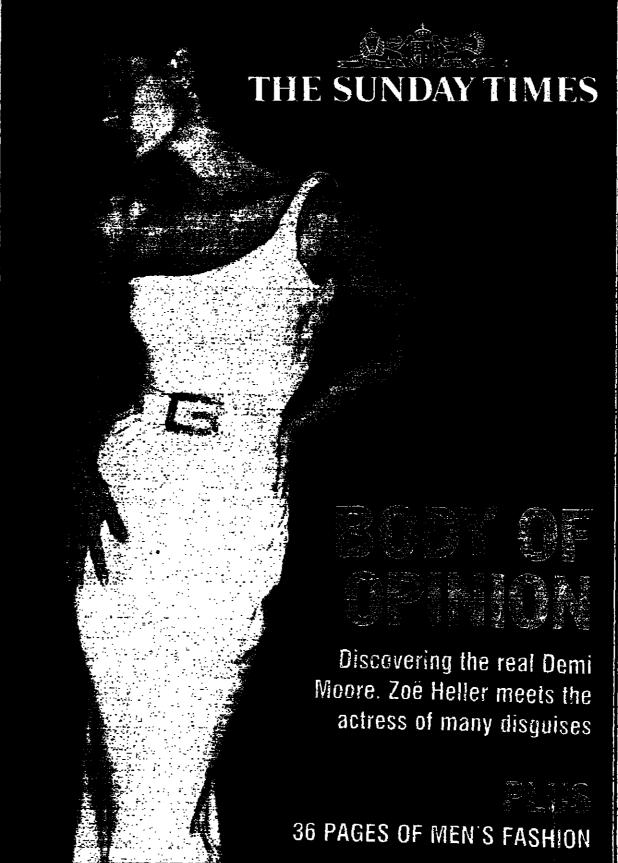
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of Kim Il Sung, the "Great Leader", the posts of party chief and state secretary had remained vacant, although Mr Kim Jr was running the country. The customary twoyear mourning period was extended a further year, amid speculation about Mr Kim's ifficulty in cementing his

Kim II Sung's legitimacy was based on his legendary exploits as an anti-Japanese freedom fighter, while his son



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Tung promises Hong Kong 'era of compassion'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S Chief Execative, Tung Chee-hwa, yesterlay confirmed a date for lections as he outlined plans or the former British colony's irst five years under Chinese

In the first annual policy address to the Legislative Council in Chinese, Mr Tung. romised a "brave new era" of pitalism with a compasonate face. The measures to

nclude new housing, roads and railways will cost 1K\$88 billion (£7.2 billion). The focus of his two-hour peech was on the economy. nd-butter issues. Out of 150 varagraphs he devoted two to long Kong's political future, which he hoped might see a illy elected legislature and nief executive within ten ars. "We will work steadily wards the long-term objecve of having a chief execuive and a legislature elected by universal suffrage," Mr ung said. One sentence reerred to the status of women. The elections for the Legistive Council - next May ill turn back the clock on forms instigated by Chris tten, the former Governor, vhich gave every Hong Kong dult a vote. Next year 20

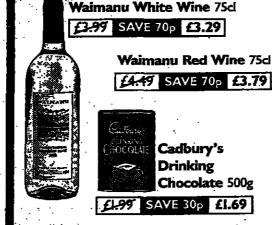
andidates will emerge from a

proportional representation system which will effectively cut in half the number of democrats and independents who sat in the Legislative Council until the July 1 handover the other 40 will come from categories for which not many citizens will be permitted a vote.

Martin Lee, the Chairman of the Democratic Party, said he was disappointed. "It seems he is living in another world," he said. "He doesn't even realise the aspirations of

Hong Kong people." The plan sees all Hong Kong people in decent homes in 10 years, boosts welfare for the elderly, promotes family values and Chinese culture. raises education standards, and puts every home, business and school on the

Although he was careful not to speak of Beijing's approval - and speaking to reporters later Mr Tung said he had not sought it - he reminded his audience that Hong Kong had rejoined China with which its future was now wholly entwined. It was time for Hong Kong to break free from the psychological constraints of colonialism" and to start making a



anointing the "Dear Leader

1945, officials said. (AFP)

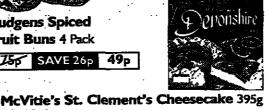


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'They say I'm going to die'



In Day Five of the du Pré memoir, **Piers du** Pré felt like a traitor when he left his desperately ill sister alone in New York

ackie knew that most of the "cures" suggested were useless, but she still felt that some were worth trying. The Rockefeller Institute in New York was pioneering a treatment using oxygen and Jackie's doctor advised her that this might be helpful. Even though she hat-ed travelling, Jackie left London in a hopeful frame of mind. Despite problems with her legs, she managed to walk to the plane unaided.

A few days later, she telephoned and launched into the whole miserable story: the treatment was painful, she had no one to visit her; she felt isolated and lonely. "How soon can you come over? Bar, I'm dying to see you. Please say you can come?

Somehow I reorganised my life to spend four nights in New York. I telephoned the moment I arrived. "Hi Jacks. Guess

where I am." "Bar, are you really in New Yes. And I can be with you within the hour."

In my excite-ment, I charted on for a few moments until I realised that she was completely you still there?"

Then I realised she was crying. She wept and wept. As I walked through the front door. I was immediately aware of that ghastly hospital smell of antiseptic. There was a hushed atmosphere which made me self-conscious as I crept along the corridor. searching for Jackie's room.

I tried to feel positive and look bright, but, as I neared Jackie's door, I became anxious and I feared that I would not be able to keep a brave face. I stood outside, practising my happy smile. As I opened the door, I felt

wanted to do something fun-ny, make her laugh. But instead I just went straight over to her and hugged her and hugged her, not least to hide my face, which was now crumpled with tears. We just held each other and sobbed. After what seemed ages, Jackie began to speak.

"I'm going to die," she said. "The doctors have told me I'm going to die. And I can't walk any more. And they say I'm going to go mad. I'm not mad am I? Am I mad already?"

This was so incredibly different from the tough exterior of "Jackie coping" that she

usually presented. She used to brush the disease to one side. joking about it, saying how much more fortunate she was than others. But now her true feelings of helplessness, frustration, loneliness and lear of dying were overwhelming her. Jackie was on death row. The doctors in England had

overprotective. They hadn't told her about the progression of MS. It was becoming clear that, in Jackie's case, the disease was advancing at a much faster pace. It seemed to me that the American doctors had inadvertently painted a full picture, and she had been left to face up to all this, on her own, in a hospital miles from home. She was defeated by fear, and was spending hours thinking about every symptom.

That evening, a car took us to the Russian Tea Room. The doctors had forbidden Jackie to drink 'I couldn't alcohol and had diet. But I knew believe it. It she would disregard this and I was was like right. Jackie ordered a large vodsomething ka. We spent the whole evening gigout of a gling and laughdrinking horror film' "Navy Grog" while Jackie mimicked

the doctors. The next day I wheeled her downstairs for her occupational-therapy class. It was in a long, narrow room, with brightly painted walls and was packed with the fattest and most helpless, sad-looking people I had ever seen. They sat in rows, monotonously and silently punching holes into leather belts. A strident voice called out to us. "Please take the place at the corner on the second table on the left and continue with yesterday's work. I'll be over in a minute to see how you're getting on." Everyone stared at us as we

Let's see how clever we can be today." said the nurse in well-meaning, yet condescend-

Jackie obediently picked up her tools and set to work. But I couldn't. Instead, anger and frustration welled up within me. Jackie looked utterly beaten and helpless. Her vibrant personality and great talent had been beaten into submission and locked into a cage. 1 could take no more. Without a word, I wheeled her straight back to her room. I was never going to allow anyone to subject my sister to such degradation ever again.



Not long afterwards, a nurse and two men came in, pushing a trolley. On it was a light blue rubber contraption. with some electrical equipment with wires, gauges and a

I challenged them immediately. "What on earth is this

his is going to help Miss du Pre to she wears, rather like a wetsuit. These things are like small hosepipes which run vertically up and down on the outside. We pump compressed air into the tubes. Since she can't use her legs, they stiffen the suit, which then holds her up. It helps her

to walk again."

The suit had been made especially for her and had to fit exactly to be effective. Standing up allows gravity to try to drain blood from the body to the legs. The leg muscles prevent this. But Jackie's muscles could no longer prevent the draining, and consequent-

ly it was a tremendous strain for her heart to keep pumping sufficient blood to her brain. making the leggings fit tightly and increasing the "squeeze" with air pressure, they hoped to keep the blood

flowing through her body.

Jackie lay flat on her back as they dressed her in the suit. It seemed to take forever. Then, connecting the hose to the unit. they plugged in the compresmotor buzzed, and the pressure gauge began to climb.

As the tubes filled with air. Jackie became more and more rigid. I couldn't believe what I was witnessing. It was like something out of a horror film. They helped her into a sitting position; all three of them had to hold her up. As the suit became fully inflated, they gently inched her off the bed until her feet were touching the floor. The compressor was now labouring to push the last little bit of air into the tubes. Finally, the nurses hoisted Jackie to a standing position.

"Try using your legs," they urged, again and again. "I can't," said Jackie impatiently. I stared in amazement. My sister, looking like the Michelin Man, was being pushed around the room.

That evening we went back to the Russian Tea Room and had more vodka, more rich food and more laughter. The moment was drawing

close when we would have to say goodbye. Our last day rogether was over. I was fighting the feeling that I should rescue her. I wanted to take her back home with me. She was desperate to leave. But it was not to be. After one of those special, long, family hugs, I turned and left

her. No words. I hesitated when I got to the lift. The pull to fetch her was huge.
As the lift slowly took me to the ground floor. I could hold it no longer. I had to allow the intense grief and pent-up emo-tion of the last few days to show itself. I almost ran out of the hospital. A cab took me to the Berkshire Hotel where I picked up my suitcase and left

for the airport. I felt like a traitor. CHilary and Piers du Pré

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cording to the phrase shapes. At night, the strains

of Mum's playing filled One day Jackie was in the kitchen with Mum. Children's Hour was presenting a programme about the instruments of the orchestra. The flute, oboe and clarinet all had their turn. As the sound of a cello filled the room, Jackie listened, transfixed.

then said: "Mummy, I

want to make that sound." On the eve of Jackie's fifth birthday, Mum left a the end of her bed. Jackie woke the whole household as she rushed out of her

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lo grunted, "Gently!"

laughed Mum. "Stroke the string with the bow, like this." Mum guided Jackie's hand, drawing the bow slowly across the D string. The cello began to sing. For a while, the sound seemed suspended in silence. No one moved. "I can do it. I can do it!"

In the absence of suitsmall children. Mum composed pieces for Jackie. calling the collection Jackie's First Cello Book Each piece was illustrated with a drawing and a story, all suited to five-yearolds. Mum would leave the notebook at the end of Jackie's bed while she was asleep. In the morning, Jackie would find her new piece and Mum would be woken by an excited child. tugging at her nightdress. "Mummy, wake up. I want to try my new

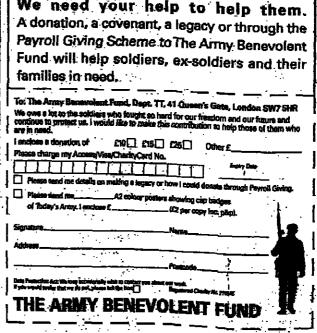
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports from his hospital bed on how he ended up on the operating table after an old friend consulted him about tiredness

How a friend saved me from prostate cancer

t is a week since Roger Kirby, an internationally respected urological rgeon, looked at me and said: There you are Tom, I told you that a radical prostatectomy is no big deal."

I was by then out of inten-

sive care. My oxygen mask had been discarded, and the only evidence of surgery visible to any visitor were two drains. Roger was right. Less than three days after the operation. I was even able to enjoy watching the last day of the Labour Party conference.

I would have been denied the intriguing experience of being in, rather than beside, the hospital bed if George, my oldest friend, had not consulted me. George, who works 12 hours a day, had been feeling increasingly tired since January and has also noticed increasing indigestion. Both symptoms had previously been attributed either to his high blood pressure or the treatment being used to bring

This same treatment was also thought to account for the very mild urinary tract symptoms - which involved nothing more than having to urinate more often, and having to get up at night - that had been apparent for a month or two.

Routine checks showed that George's symptoms were not related to his blood pressure but to well-established cancer of the prostate. He is now responding excellently to hor-

If George, a contemporary, had this trouble, wasn't I being arrogant in not taking my own advice, so often recommended in this column, by

having my PSA assessed? The PSA is a blood test that helps distinguish benign from ` malignant prostatic enlargement. An important, and not entirely resolved, diagnostic problem doctors face is detect-. ing prostate cancer at an early stage so that the tumour may

be entirely eradicated. In George's case, as in most, the cancer had already spread beyond the prostate gland by

the time it was detected. The PSA is not perfect - it gives rise to too many false positive readings, so that pa-tients with benign enlargement of the gland are recommended uncomfortable follow-up examinations. There are also a few cases of false negative PSA results, when cancer is present but not

My PSA, like George's, was

The doctor and I looked at the screen, 'That could be malignant, Tom,' he said

raised - fortunately, only to 8.8, but the usually accepted upper limit of normality is four. My readings were particularly suspicious because the fraction of the PSA labelled free PSA was four times higher than was acceptable. When the balance between total PSA and free PSA is abnormal, suspicions are

Roger Kirby arranged for the transrectal ultrasound of the prostate, and biopsy, particularly of any doubtful areas. The ultrasound located a spot about a centimetre in diametre that looked abnormal. I looked at the screen with the radiologist who had pointed out the area. "That Tom, could be

malignant." he said.
"Possibly, or probably?"
"Probably," he replied. Biopsy showed that he was right. After the initial diagnosis, further tests, scans of the - pelvis and all the body's bones growth is necessary. A cardiac er blood tests, is also recommended to make certain the patient is fit enough for sur-gery if it is advised. Despite several risk factors, your heart is in good order," the doctor told me. "Ash — that may be the result of an aspirin and half a bottle of claret daily."

I was lucky to know Roger Kirby and be able to ask for his help. And equally fortu-nate to have as my anaesthetist Dr Peter Amoroso.

In addition, I was in a London clinic that is accustomed to dealing with radical prostatectomies and whose nurses are, therefore, as efficient and expert as they are

No one, however, warned me about genital swelling. As a student I remember pictures of African tribesman whose tackle was so enlarged by filarisis that one had needed a wheelbarrow. I was not quite as bad as that but the largest Tudor codpiece or the baggiest Armani suit would not have allowed me to wear trousers. I was relieved to think that having spent a little time in a regiment I had a tartan, and would have been entitled to wear a kilt. Other than that, at least in

my case, the radical prostatec-

tomy had been "no big deal".

But when PSA testing becomes well established, as it un-doubtedly will, and the clamour for the operation becomes irresistible, it may well demonstrate a shortage of sur-geons and anaesthetists with the appropriate skills. Worryingly, others, masters in their own field, but perhaps - «د تر احتانه inexperienced in radi tactectomies, may be tempted to have a go; in these circum-stances the operation may well become a very big deal indeed in some cases. The answer to this problem clearly lies in the development of regional spe-



Dr Thomas Stuttaford: "Wasn't I being arrogant in not having my own PSA assessed?

The killer that we neglected

which works alongside the Royal Marsden Hospital, estimate that unless new treatments are found the number of deaths from prostate cancer in the UK will rise from the present 10,000 a year to 20,000 a year within a

generation.
Professor Colin Cooper of the Institute said: "Prostate cancer has been neglected. Often it is perceived as the disease of old men who do not have long to live, so it has not been attacked with the same urgency as, for instance, cancer of the breast or cervix." Cancer of the prostate can strike a man in his forties, although this is rare; but even a patient of 60 or 70 might have expected to live for another 15 or 20 years.

The symptoms of the benign enlargement of the pros-tate which is an inevitable part of ageing are well known: but these same symptoms. usually to a lesser extent. also cause suspicion of cancer of the prostate.

When discussing urinary tract symptoms doctors always ask their patients three salient questions. Do you get up at night to pass water? Is your urinary flow slow? Are you in any way bothered by bladder function? Further questions often reveal that the patient may have intermittent urination, that their flow is very slow and they can't dawdle on the way to the loo.

Patients who wait for these mptoms before they have a PSA test (see left) may be waiting too long. Neither my friend George nor I had much in the way of symptoms.

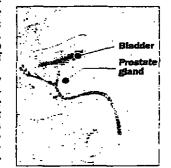
Rectal examinations reveal only 40 per cent of cases of cancer of the prostate. Even high-tech ultrasound misses 25 per cent, and the PSA test's problems are well known. The standard regular testing should, in my opinion (but not that of all professionals), be a combination of all three techniques, In my case not only was I virtually symptom free but physical examination failed to reveal any tumour.

If it hadn't been for the good George coming to my rescue, and the PSA test, the two tumours in my prostate would have remained unde-

octors at the Institute of Cancer Research. tected until the spread of the disease had made the symptoms unmistakeable. Once the cancer has ceased to be local loss of weight, tiredness, and aches and pains in the bones and joints are the obvious symptoms. By this time treatment options have narrowed.

As it is, post-operative examination of my prostate and its adjacent tissues show there is a very good chance I will live my allotted span.

When cancer of the prostate is detected what is the treatment of choice? There are still advocates of "watchful wait-ing", a cuphemism for doing nothing until there is evidence of spread. Thereafter the symptoms can be dealt with as they arise. The Institute of Cancer Research. in its booklet The Male Cancers — A Hidden Problem, says that this results in seven out of ten patients



eventually dying from the disease. In contrast, more than eight out of ten patients ir whom the tumour is detected early are alive and well ten years later. It is of course impossible to say how many would have lived anyway.

Early cancer of the prostate can be treated with surgery. radical prostatectomy, or radical radiotherapy. I favoured surgery because I like to think that my body is now rid of its malignant cells, whereas these may often be detected by biopsy after radiation.

Recently researchers at the Institute have introduced "conformal" radiation in which the radiating beams are shaped to the outline of a specific tumour so that larger dose can be applied. It is hoped that this and similar advances, together with earlier diagnosis, will help to reverse the increasing death rate from this cancer.

EARLIER this year a 60-year-old man was diagnosed as suffering from early cancer of the prostate. The patient had a successful operation after which the surgeon suggested that if he had a brother he, too, should be tested. T've only one and he's just 47," the patient replied. Advised that middle age was no protection, his brother was tested and found to have a raised PSA (see above). The diagnosis was confirmed, he was

scanned and was ready for surgery just in time to take over the fraternal bed. Both my father's brothers died in their early 60s from prostate surgery and my

Me owe i

Investigating the genetic link

father, too, died of prostatic disease at the age of 80. There is a genetic link in cancer of the prostate. The Prostate Cancer Charitable Trust is giving the Institute of Cancer Research \$300,000 over the next three years to investigate it.

There are probably two types of prostatic cancer-carrying genes. High risk genes. such as those which can lead to several cases of breast cancer in the same family.

and lower penetrative genes, which carry a lesser likelihood of causing trouble. Cancer is usually a disease of late

middle or old age. As well as cancer of the prostate running in families, it has other characteristic epidemiological features. The typical patient is an elderly, urban man living in a highly developed Western country who always are well, but didn't eat up his green vegetables or have fruit, started his sex life early and later had many sexual partners.

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Ending

the taboo

THIRTY years ago, doctors

advocating mammography and cervical screening had an uphill task to convince colleagues of the need for these services, and to persuade people to discuss the subjects

openly. After he had testicular cancer, the jockey Bob Champion encouraged other men to talk freely about the condition. Prostatic cancer, on the other hand, is still not discussed. It is potentially lethal. The prostate, a gland which surrounds the urethra, lies at the bottom of the pelvis between the root of the penis and the amus. This makes it an

unlikely subject of polite con-

versation. The gland secretes

semen, and the PSA which

doctors so diligently measure is the enzyme which liquifies this semen. Little wonder that

research into the prostate is

not a favourite object of

Because of the variable

prognosis of cancer of the

prostate, some patients will

live for 20 years even without

surgery or irradiation. But

this does little to help them in

the eyes of their bank manag-

ers, insurance companies or

Not only is cancer of the

prostate seldom talked about

and its charities rarely contributed to; it is also the subject of misunderstanding and, in many cases, unnecessary In the best hands, radical prostatic surgery causes urinary incontinence in less than 4 per cent of cases. Overall, this complication occurs in 10

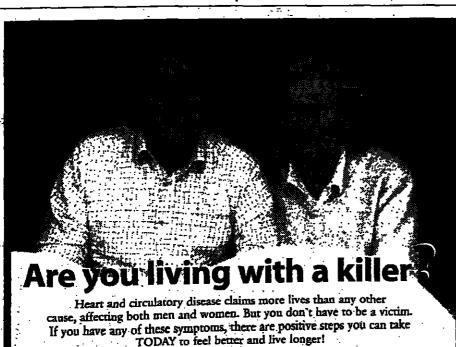
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be a concern. Of those men who have had surgery, half can resume some sort of sexual activity.

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Defend our Parliament from Blair

Robert Cranborne tells Tories to

resist a latter-day Lloyd George

I we believe in the importance of the nation state. we should begin to think of ways to reinvigorate Parliament, in order to clarify once again the chain through which the electorate gives the authority to govern. Tony Blair has not made our task any easier. In opposition he exploited a few unsavoury incidents to demean the whole standing of Parliamentary politics. In government, his rhetoric asserts that under our present constitution the Government is not sufficiently accountable - or

close enough — to the people. Funnily enough, i rather agree with him about that. The communications revolution. the power of the papers and people's laudably part-time interest in politics have made the institutions of government seem slow to react. It is also true that the very dominance of Westminster and Whitehall is self-defeating. However, Mr Blair is seek-

ing to build institutions that will diminish Parliament. He is seeking, too, to replace the existing chain of authority with a new chain, in which the ultimate voice lies not on the floor of the House of Commons, but behind the closed doors of Downing Street. When he talks of accountability, we should look for the counting house and who con-

For what is he actually doing? He is establishing a parliament in Edinburgh and. possibly, an assembly in Wales. The creation of a Scottish Parliament unequivocally withdraws authority from Westminster and breaks the chain of authority. But it will do more. It is bound to challenge Westminster - and it will look for allies, most obviously those who dream of a Europe of the regions. For if each region of our country were to forge direct and increasingly powerful links with Brussels, then that would enable the Commission to bypass Westminster and so weaken the accountability Mr

Mr Blair also talks about reforming Parliament. Again. what is he actually doing?

First, he is making authoritarian use of pre-legislative referendums to intimidate Parliament and undermine its independent power of judgment. This is a new phenomenon in Britain - though the pages of the 20th century are littered with discreditable and disturbing parallels.

I am duly conscious of the result of the election in May. It is clear that Scotland wills its parliament and will have it. But I do not believe that a sovereign parliament should be constrained in every detail of its judgment by ad hoc prelegislative referendums. And, if we are to have more referendums, then I would ask that proper ground rules should be laid out and legislated for in Parliament. These would ex-clude the kind of one-sided publicity we saw in the referendums last month.

Secondly, Mr Blair plans to remove the only truly independent element left in Parliament, the hereditary peerage, without telling us what stage two of his reform of the Upper House would look like. Just as in 1911 when it suited Lloyd George, so it would suit Mr Blair to let the promise of stage two hang in the air for another 80-odd years. Since an independent Parliament is an inconvenience for Mr Blair, he finds us Lords inconvenient. But he must be confronted with a question, to be repeated and repeated, not in the interests of a hereditary peerage, but in the interests of Parliament "If you do away with half the House of Lords, what will you have in its place?"

Thirdly, he is introducing proportional representation step by step. For the Scottish and Welsh parliaments. For Europe. Perhaps, even for local councils. He is toying with a referendum for PR for Westminster itself, the prospect that truly excites the imagination of Mr Ashdown, more than an hour's chat in the Cabinet Room. Whether history would show Mr Ashdown to have been an aspirant coalition Foreign Secretary - imagine his forceful negotiations in Brussels - or merely the last of the 20th century's useful idiots, I hope we shall never know. For Mr Blair seems to be in particular attracted by the Party, or Alternative, List system. I am not at all surprised.

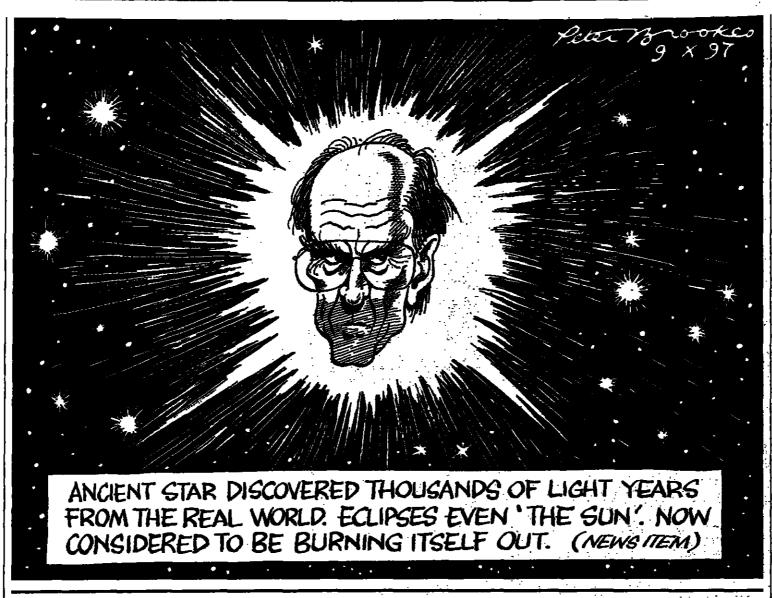
The Party List system is, of all the PR systems, the one that places the greatest degree of power in the hands of the party apparat and removes the greatest degree of independence from MPs. Again, since Mr Blair seems to find Parliament inconvenient, that would suit him very well. It would enable him to forge a centre grouping, independent of Parliament and of the constituencies, which would make that old coalition master Lloyd George green with envy in his

PR on this model would take the choice of government away from the people and put it in the hands of party secretariats, I cannot say in smoke-filled rooms, for these are men who are pure of heart and politicalremoved from the eyes or the reach of the people. Once again I ask -- where is the true accountability there?

great political party re-A veals its greatness, not in victory, but in defeat. From now on, we have to prove our greatness as a party. For we have a great challenge before us - the greatest for many years. But I cannot see a party in the country other than the Conservative Party with the traditions and the beliefs to undertake this task. We did it in 1922, when we

defeated Mr Blair's hero Lloyd George's attempt to govern after emasculating Parliament. Let us hope that a future 1997 Committee will be as effective as the 1922 Committee has been so far. Then Mr Blair's flirtation with coalition and his quest for a "new politics", dominated by his personality and his narrow circle, may end, not in the breaking of the Conservative Party, but in the breaking of his own, just as Lloyd George

Lord Cranborne is Conservative Leader in the Lords. The above is extracted from this evening's Politeia Lecture at the Clifton Hotel, Blackpool.



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Young man in no hurry

forecasting is that the next election, when it is still four more years ahead, can never be far from an even bet. No doubt it looks at present that Labour is certain to win the next election; it is not. Events, personalities, the economic cycle and public rule could all move against the Government. The Conservative conference expressed its anger yesterday. In a couple of years they could well have become an effective Opposition. The history of elections in the 20th century shows no close correlation between the result of one election and that of the next.

Several factors could swing in

favour of the Conservatives. The first is the Labour Party itself. Tony Blair has imposed a radical change of policy which is contrary to the party's traditions. Roy Hattersley, who used to be regarded as right wing, has not changed his views, but the leadership has moved the party so far that he is now on the left wing. So long as new Labour is successful, this will not threaten the Prime Minister's position. But if the tide of popularity turns, for whatever reason, there will be many who will blame Tony Blair for having betrayed his party's principles. I myself admire Tony Blair and what he is doing, but I come from a family which supported Charles I, Lord North — perhaps mistakenly — the great Lord Salishury and Branches Thatcher. bury and Baroness Thatcher. There may be something odd about a Labour leader whom I admire and

Roy Hattersley opposes. The personalities of the Labour leadership seem quite likely to become discordant, particularly under pressure. If Tony Blair were not there to keep the choir singing in unison. with Peter Mandelson as his assistant, the glee club of Brown, Cook and Prescott would probably fall out of tune. Certainly none of those three could be expected to give way to the pretentions of the others. A party which has changed its basic philosophy, and in personal terms is a patchwork of old and new, may sail ahead in fair weather but capsize in a storm. That happens in politics.

By an enormous margin, the country now prefers Tony Blair to William Hague. In my view Mr Blair is a very superior performer "a class act": he makes Hague look raw and inexperienced, which he is. But I think Mr Hague is being underrated. He reminds me in some ways of the young Ted Heath; he too was rather callow; he did have more experience

Hague is tough and could build a formidable team — don't underrate him

as a politician than Hague; he was nothing like as good a speaker, though he has become an excellent speaker in his old age. What he has in common with Hague is that neither has an easygoing personality. The public does not see them as cosy. though I think the young Hague is better liked than the young Heath.

I remember discussing the Heath-Maudling leadership election of 1965 with Rab Butler. He said: "What you mean is that Reggie is a friendly, lazy old dog who likes to lie in front of the fire, but Ted is a snappy little terrier who may bark at you, but will run after a rabbit." After Harold Wilson's

1966 election victory, many people wrote off Heath, but he won in 1970. Hague seems to me to be tough-minded energetic, modern, probably rather

ruthless, like one of the young brigadiers of the Second World War. Such men are not widely loved, but they get more business done than gentler souls. Blair may be more the electorate's cup of tea, but the next election will not be a tea party.

There is another resemblance to Heath's position after 1966. He had Alec Douglas-Home as his Shadow Foreign Secretary. Home was always weak on domestic policy, had not lasted long as Prime Minister and had lost the 1964 election. But the nation liked and trusted him. When John Major was Prime Minister I was a hostile critic, as I had been of Home when he was Prime Minister. Yet the nation likes and trusts Major. whether or not he was a good Prime Minister. He has promised in Blackpool to give total support to Hague, whom he has always admired. He could best help by becoming, at the right moment, the Shadow Foreign Secretary — he would have authority, experience and negotiating skill. John Major may not have been a Tory asset at the last election, but he

certainly is now. Blair will be hard for Hague to match, though he is his equal as a Parliamentary debater. By the next election, if he can build the strongest team, Hague could have John Major, Michael Portillo and possibly Chris

Patten in the Shadow Cabinet. I'm not sure that Patten wants to come back, so that must be doubtful. John Redwood is proving a natural Oppo-sition politician — the best in the Shadow Cabinet. Peter Lilley remains the most thoughtful of political intellectuals. Measuring Shadow ministers against Cabinet ministers, Hague potentially has quite an

ressive team. Like all party leaders, Hague has to deal with the internal opposition. Kenneth Clarke is formidable and popular, but too far to the left on tax and Europe for the Conservative

Thatcher has largely blown itself out.

Party. Alan Clark and Norman Tebbit. are Dad's Army; there is nothing to Rees-Mogg storm of disloyalty and counter-disloyalty which really originated with Michael Heseltine and the assassination of Margaret

> Tony Blair's policy in opposition was never to give the Conservatives an issue around which they could rally. Peter Mandelson was brilliant in orchestrating these tactics. They do not work in government. All governments have to make choices which provide opportunities for opposition. There are already two such policies: the health service and the European single currency. If Labour does not find more money for the NHS, which can come only from taxation or private sources, the NHS may break down, at least in the worst areas. The Government has to make a choice about the single currency and what-ever it decides will expose it to criticism. This week's Financial Times survey suggests that 67.5 per cent of the electorate opposes merging the pound into a single currency, and only 15 per cent is in favour. Blair will not want to give the Conserva-tives an issue on which they have so

large a lead in England. Apart from the issues which arise from the Government, there are others which the Conservatives can create for themselves. Gordon Brown will reform some taxes, as all good Chancellors do. Oddly, Kenneth Clarke brusquely refused to reform capital gains tax, even though it could have increased revenue and John Major wanted it. Brown will take advantage of his blunder. But there are larger tax reforms which Labour is unlikely to introduce. The year 2,000 is an election year in the United States. The Republican candidate Steve Forbes will again introduce his proposal to charge a flat rate of income tax into the primaries; as the American Inland Revenue Service is in deep administrative confusion, that may well become a big election issue. The Conservatives will be examining the flat tax for Britain; tax

simplification has a political appeal.

The greatest risk to the Labour Party comes from the business cycle. This also has a parallel in 20th-century electoral history. On May 31. 1929, Labour won the general election; Ramsay MacDonald's speeches "might all have been made by Baldwin". On September 29, the Wall Street panic began; the subsequent world depression destroyed the Labour Government. One does not need to assume a world depression now; the British trade cycle is already a mature one. The boom is not likely to last through to the next election. Rising unemployment and rising bankruptcies are rather more probable; they would put pressure on the Government. Of course, govern-ments can win elections during a recession; Major did that in 1992. But

it is never easy to do so. t is not to say that the Conservatives should be made favourites to win the next election, merely that there are circumstances in which they might. It was their good fortune after the comparable defeat of 1945 to have Churchill: with the authority of a war-winner, as leader. Hague, who is young and inexperienced, will have to make his own authority, which will be difficult to do. Yet it is far too early to write him

Hague would not have become leader of his party at the age of 36 if he were not an exceptional young politician. He has a good tempera-ment for Opposition. He may sometimes aims his blows at the wrong target, but he will hit hard. He is an excellent speaker: he made a good speech on Tuesday, and will probably make another tomorrow. I can remember the Tories in 1946; even under Churchill they were in despair. I still expect Tony Blair to win the next election, but I do not see that the Tories have any reason to despair

Who are the true **Brits?**

MERTIN BARL

Even Asians cheer

Rangers now, says Magnus Linklater

ord Tebbit's Blackpool speech on history and the British identity was a gift to William Hague. It allowed him at a stroke to disown the "dinosaur" right wing of his party, and to place New Toryism firmly on the side of a modern, multicultural Britain. The argument itself, however, is left lingering in the air, bearing with it a faintly sulphurous odour. What Lord Tebbit was exposing is a theme that has smouldered beneath the surface of British life ever since Enoch Powell's Birmingham speech of 1968, where he described a nation "heaping up its own funeral pyre" by allowing foreign dependents into Britain.

Lord Tebbit, thirty years later, echoed it by giving a warning that unless ethnic minorities are taught to absorb British culture and history, the United Kingdom will go the same way as Yugoslavia. Both speeches were inflammatory. Both defy a native tradition of tolerance.

The Tebbit point challenges, head on, a generation of education policy. "Multiculturalism is divisive." he said. One cannot uphold two sets of ethics, or be loyal to two nations ... Youngsters born here should be taught that British history is their history."

This is immensely dangerous territory, not least because in countries where national standards are rigidly enforced, trouble tends to breed rather than the reverse. Lord Tebbit would presumably favour the French approach, where a strong sense of national identity led head teachers to forbid Muslim girls from wearing the Islamic veil. The result, far from promoting conformity, was a political and educational crisis which one commentator, Gilles Kepel, compared to the Dreyfus affair, and

which still convulses French society. In his recently published book Allah in the West, Kepel argues that the British system, based on a model of communal politics which grew up during the Raj, has so far headed off

Even if one accepts the Teobit view, one is left with the question: what does he mean by "British" history? if. as I suspect, he means English history, then what he is arguing for is a far narrower version of our island prepared to accept today. He, like me, was probably brought up on the dates of the English kings and queens, the Magna Carta, Simon de Montfort, the Battle of Bosworth and the wives of Henry VIII. — the building blocks of schoolboy history for as long as anyone educated in the public school system can remember.

A s a Scot, prepared for British exams, I learnt nothing of my native history. I was ignorant of the richness of Celtic culture, the complexities of Irish nationalism, or the religious wars of the 17th century. It gave me a distinctly lopsided view of this United Kingdom, and told me little about the Union of the Crowns, or the great debates which surged around the Act of Union - all highly relevant today. I resented it, not just from a sense of injured pride, but because it was so cramped and inadequate. And it persists: recently I asked the headmaster of a leading Scottish public school whether he taught Scottish history. "Certainly not," he assured me, "we teach British history to A-Level standards."

So much for balance. My Scottish-educated friends have no such difficulty. Most of them, brought up in the state system, learnt Scottish history within a British context. That trend has, if anything increased. It has given them a strong sense of their own identity, but I would defy Lord Tebbit to suggest that it is nudging them towards blood-soaked Balkanisation. On the contrary, two cultures have sat easily with each other, a perfect contradiction of his basic thesis. Two different forms of education, two legal systerns, two distinct cultures, but still, 300 years on, one United Kingdom. The strong majority for devolution last month was not, let us remember, a vote for separation, but a vote to

stay within the UK. "A firm but mutually courteous process of compromise" was the way Paul Barker described the British attitude to religious differences in The Times recently. For Judaism that has meant an easy, almost effortless integration. For Muslims it has 💥 involved - maintaining, even 🛷 emphasising, cultural distinctions. Forcing them now to conform to the educational traditions of a nation which is itself in the process of rapid change, would be an instant recipe for disaster.

And anyway, how do you legislate for the hybrid state of our own society, itself a challenge to stereo-

No entry

THIS lot does not seem to get on any better than the last lot. An astonishing incident sheds a bright light on relations between Tony Blair and David Blunkett. It began when Blunkett received a memo from the Prime Minister. The contents, I understand, did not make happy reading

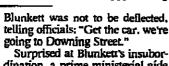
telephoned No 10 and demanded to discuss the memo with Blair. Can't be done," harrumphed No 10. "The PM is meeting David

for the Education Secretary.

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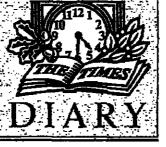
"The one with the blinkers? We call him Tebbit



dination, a prime ministerial aide rang Blunkett on his mobile phone and presented him with a stark choice: "There are camera crews waiting to film Trimble outside No 10. If you want to be filmed being turned away by the policeman. then so be it."

Unfortunately, the minister's car had aiready swept round Parliament Square and was bearing down on Downing Street. Uh. oh. As telephones crackled around Whitehall, a solution was brokered. Blunkett would enter No 11 as if meeting the Chancellor, who was not in. He would loiter there on his own for 15 minutes then get back in his car and leave. And nobody would ever speak of how Yes. Minister became reality. Until now of course. By the way, i am assured that relations are now

entirely amicable".



● IS Ken Clarke taking this man of the people thing a bit far? Back in London yesterday, he took the Underground, travelling west on the Circle Line. Informally attired and clutching a battered briefcase. he sat staring glumly at the floor. Just as well really — his neighbour was engrossed in a newspaper article headed, "Ken still wants to

Banging on

silenced proceedings.

SUPPER was rather spoiled for Conservatives on Tuesday evening when a "bomb" went off. Guests. including Michael Portillo, Gillian Shephard, George Young and Michael Howard, were chomping away at the Riverhouse Restaurant, Blackpool, when a large bang

And what was this dangerous device blown up by police? A set of stroyed with zealous efficiency in geranium beds in the joint's garden. The bang had prompted a quivering voice from Michael Howard's party to exclaim: "It sounds like Ted Heath's bath saits."

A contrite Bill Scott, proprietor, explains: "We had done a favour for a local glass-making company which thought it would be nice to repay us with a gift. But wrapped in a brown-paper package, it looked very suspicious."

 AS if sending chocolates had not landed Ann Widdecombe, former Home Office minister, in enough trouble, she recently dispatched a box to Michael Portillo and party workers at his old constituency. Enfield Southgate. As at Blackpool, this rather alarmed the bomb squad. "Luckily they were not blown up," munches a witness. They were jolly good."

Cheers, Teddy IT promises to be a distinctly gloomy club. And thankfully it is rather short of potential members: the Conservative Teetotal Club. It is the brainchild of Sir Teddy Tay-



IN a bold claim, the couturier behind the risque number sported by Filon Jenkins, above left, compared her figure to Marilyn Monroe's. But whereas Marilyn was measured as a voluptuous size 16, Mr Hague's fiancee, I am reliably informed, is a svelte 14.

lor, MP, who signed a solemn pledge to abstain when he was just six years old. And he has.

"I want more party members to ioin under the banner of sobriety," he says earnestly. "A great many social problems stem from alcohol." So, what other MPs are reetotal? "Er, no one that I can think of."

 CAVORTING naked on celluloid is clearly too much for Nineties sensibilities. Casting has begun for a sequel to the less-than-

frigid 912 Weeks. A Hollywood studio opened its doors on Tuesday, expecting over 5,000 energetic actresses to queue to audition. But memories of the original version, which saw Kim Basinger attempting some quite extraordinary manoeuvres with an ice cube, were simply too much; only 20 turned up. "We did warn that the script

studio "I think that put them off."

types? Not long ago, at a Rangers-Celtic match, a hotbed of bloodcurdling but largely peaceful sectarianism, I found myself quening behind a group of chanting fans clad from top to toe in Rangers blue. They were singing the verse of a familiar terrace song which includes some awful reference to former battles whose participants were "up to our knees in Fenian blood". The fans were all wearing turbans, and when I overtook them I saw they were displaying a badge proclaiming: "Asians for Rangers." They were

JASPER GERARD

contained naked scenes," says the

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ENTER THE BARBARIANS

Oxford and Cambridge must change to survive

It is, in the words of one Oxford graduate, a funny old world. The common rooms of Oxford and Cambridge are stuffed with centre-left sympathisers. The atmosphere in both cities immediately after Tony Blair's triumph was akin to post-liberation Paris. The mood in the quadrangles is now different. The air is closer to that of Prague in the late 1940s: the Germans may have gone but the character of the Red Army has secome clearer. This Government has little affection for Oxbridge and appears determined to alter the present funding formula. Exeunt the Philistines. Enter the barbarians.

The apocalyptic attacks launched by the two Vice Chancellors reflect the belated realisation that Labour isn't joking. Gordon Brown used his party conference speech to condemn the statistic that half of Oxbridge students come from the independent sector. David Blunkett might keep the college fee but on the condition that the number of state school students increases. Tessa Blackstone, the Minister for Higher Education, is shamelessly fanatical on the subject. This triple alliance is a powerful combination. A mere three members of the current cabinet attinded either university. An old-boy network rarely functions well without old boys.

The Government's decision to scrutinise the college fee is not without legitimacy. A central tenet of the Dearing report was that those who most directly benefit from higher education should share more of its costs. That is a proper principle. The Oxbridge exception does not fit easily with that dictum. The most rational route out of this dilemma would see the college fee abolished but additional "top-up" tuition fees introduced as an alternative. That would transfer this unusual expenditure from the taxpayer to the student. However, the Department for Education is determined to exclude that spotion. Mr Blunkett regards top-up fees as a evice that would entrench not erode elitism. Without this arrangement the abolition or

erosion of the college fee would be little short of sadistic. Dr Peter North's warning that the Government might "destroy the competitive position" of the two universities should be heeded. Oxford and Cambridge should not accept quotas as the price of retaining state funding. They would be better off as entirely private institutions. That is a prospect that is worth contemplation.

The admissions procedures at each university is far from perfect. However, it is a fact - an unfortunate one perhaps but a fact all the same — that independent schools and, especially, grammar schools, produce the lion's share of those students who achieve at least three "A" grades at A level. To that extent they are arguably underrepresented at Oxbridge. There have also been extensive efforts to attract candidates from the state sector. This drive has not always been supported by some of the schools concerned. Applications, not admissions, remain the core of this challenge.

Oxbridge must change to ensure its survival. The bureaucratic arrangements in both places are byzantine. A combination of autonomous colleges and faculties have created a collection of committees largely incapable of coherence or change. College accounts are shrouded in a secrecy that makes Cuba appear a model of open government by comparison. The North Commission acknowledged Oxford's dif-ficulties but has not been fully implemented.

Neither Oxford nor Cambridge can afford to remain in the 19th century. That in turn will require a new relationship between the colleges and the centre. Oxbridge should retain the college fee or be allowed top-up tuition fees as a substitute. The ancient universities should be shielded from a Minister for Higher Education who does not choose to distinguish between excellence and elitism. Neither establishment, though, can ignore the theme of modernisation now so associated with another Oxford graduate.

RACE TO BE MODERN

Hague is right, but Tebbit cannot be ignored

Ever since Neil Kinnock rounded on Militant Tendency in 1985, Labour leaders have understood the popular gains they can win from fighting their own extremists. Tony Blair has made a career of it. William Hague is now following suit. The Tory leader's criticisms of Lord Tebbit — who attacked the spread of multiculturalism - will do wonders for his image among the majority of voters. But he cannot quite ignore the shrinking constituency to whom Lord Tebbit's remarks were addressed.

Britain has changed hugely in the past decade, a change of which Lord Tebbit seems unaware. Racism is far less prevalent now. Visitors from America to Britain are amazed and impressed to see the ease with which young blacks, Asians and whites mingle, particularly in cities. Schools preach tolerance above all else, and young people, on the whole, agree that racism is one of the most pernicious social sins. Though racial harassment is not unknown, Britain is still a model for peaceful race relations compared with the US, France, Italy and Germany.

Lord Tebbit's views are indeed "outdated", as Mr Hague claimed yesterday. Multiculturalism is not damaging to the fabric of the nation; indeed it is Britain's very diversity that makes its modern urban culture so vibrant. Of course children should learn British history in school. But they should also learn French history, German story and, if they want, Indian or Jamaican history. These are not mutually exclusive. Lord Tebbit's "cricket test" involves people choosing between nationalities. This is not the case with history. Nor is it the case with identity. British Asians may feel both British and Asian, and that is

perfectly healthy. As Munish Chopra, the 15year-old who addressed the conference on the first day, pointed out, the values that he has inherited from his Asian parents are the very values of hard work and integrity that

the Conservative Party professes to honour. Lord Tebbit's chill warnings of Britain turning into a Yugoslavia are more than mischievous: they are dangerous. To attempt to stir up racial hatred is about the most irresponsible course of action that a politician can follow. So Mr Hague was right to slap him down and to emphasise that the Tory party was going to be inclusive.

The Conservative leader understands the importance of bringing his party up to date with the social and cultural changes that have taken place in Britain. In doing so, however, he must remain aware of the sensitivities of his older supporters. Their fear of blacks and Asians stems from an insecurity about what it means these days to be British. The way to assuage their anxiety is not to play on their insecurities, as Lord Tebbit has done, but to forge a modern British identity that restores their national pride. Mr Blair tried to do so last week; Mr Hague can add to it tomorrow.

The Conservative leader has already tried to signal his modernity: the much-derided baseball cap, trip to the Notting Hill carnival and message of support to the Gay Pride march have been an attempt to tell the voters that his party is no longer stuck in the 1950s. Jumping four decades in as many months. though, has been a painful lurch for many of his activists. The Tory party must bring itself up to date, but if its leader does not want Lord Tebbit's support to rise, he may have to make some of his moves a little more gentle.

THE THIRTEENTH LABOUR

Can Hercules take on Walt Disney and live?

Tomorrow Hercules will arrive at Leicester Square and simultaneously at cinemas around the United Kingdom. This is a feat of ubiquity which not even that hero has performed in his myth until now. On our Arts bees today Geoff Brown is amused by this Disneyfication of an old story. And Hercules is as usual creating uproar wherever he goes. In America, where it has been on screen since July, Hercules looks like being Disney's least successful animated feature since The Little Mermaid in 1989. It is still predicted to gross \$100 million at the domestic box office and \$300 million worldwide.

Nevertheless, this film is setting searching questions for entertainment analysts. Are teenagers growing too sophisticated for animated cartoons? Have rocketing budgets, rising expectations and mounting competition damaged the summer blockbuster trade? Is the marketing operation that now goes with such films killing the goose that lays the golden eggs? The Hercules campaign has licensed 100 manufacturers to market 6,000 products, from backpacks to underwear and action heroes to handbags (a variant on the hero's club). In the film Hercules makes self-referential kes about merchandising wars by strapping on Air Herc sandals, drinking a Herculade and signing a Grecian Express credit card. When a film is made for such calcul-

ating commercialism, it may lose the plot.

Meanwhile textual rather than commercial critics complain that Hercules has got

the story all wrong. In the film, Hercules first kills the Minotaur and then Medusa. But, as some schoolchildren still know, it was Theseus who killed the Minotaur, and Perseus (great-great-uncle of Hercules) who killed Medusa. Disney gives Hercules a warm, loving relationship with his mother Hera: Whereas myth tells of his jealous stepmother Hera sending two snakes to kill the infant Hercules in his cradle. He strangled them. The Greeks are so angry that for Greece the film has been renamed Beyond the Myth of Heracles.

But such textual pedantry is to misinterpret both Hercules and Disney. Hercules caught the popular-fancy. He has always attracted the myths of less popular heroes. And the Walt Disney dream factory up Dopey Drive has always softened, sanitised and sentimentalised classics. Would Disney cut the episode of Hercules killing his wife and children in a fit of madness? That is as simple a question to answer as whether Hercules would guzzle a sausage or swill a

goblet of wine or lust after a pretty girl. The old stories are the best. Some of the children may go on to read The Jungle Book. The Hunchback of Notre Dame and other deeper dramas behind the two-dimensional cartoons. But Hercules has survived 30 centuries of distortion and mythmaking. He was even adopted as an exemplar of fortitude by the Stoics, to the neglect of his other qualities. So he can surely survive the ordeal of being turned into a Hollywood star.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Future funding of NHS 'monopoly'

From the Director of the Health and Welfare Unit, Institute of Economic Affairs

Sir. The BMA's report on NHS funding (details, later editions, October 8) raised the possibility of charging patients for visiting their GP. To introduce charges while the NHS remains a public-sector monopoly would be to add insult to injury. Public policy should aim to combine universal access with empowerment of consumers through competition.

Charges are favoured by a minority (so far) of doctors, primarily as a discipline on demanding patients. The discussion of charges also rests on the assumption that the main problem of the NHS is a shortage of finance, whereas it also provides bad service because it is a monopoly.

The empowerment of consumers, as auggested in the Institute of Economic Affairs report, How to Pay for Health-care, published on June 23, will require the introduction of private insurance and competition between hospitals. Best practice in America suggests that the ideal model is "man-aged competition", under which patients form groups for the purpose of purchasing insurance.

in America the lead is taken by employers. In Britain group purchasing could be the responsibility of health authorities. Everyone, rich and poor alike, would have the standard package financed from general taxes and individuals would have the option of paying more for additional services.

Such a scheme would allow the Government to confine itself to what it is good at, maintaining universal

Yours sincerely, DAVID GREEN, Director, Health and Welfare Unit, IEA. 2 Lord North Street, SWI.

From Dr Kenneth G. Williams

Sir, Separation of the hotel and medical care components in healthcare is not merely desirable, it is essential. An enforced stay in hospital means being fed for nothing, although in some circumstances money is taken away by changes in benefit

A charge would not erode the basic principle of free medical care for all. The level could be set by ability to pay. And patients could enjoy small luxuries for a charge, varying their visi-tors' gifts of flowers or grapes.

Yours sincerely, K. G. WILLIAMS, Flat 24. Nutfield Lod 22 Shepherds Hill, Highgate, No. October 8.

Equal partners?

From Mr David Lindsay Sir. In view of the European Court of

Justice's decision last year to reject equal treatment of men and women on the issue of bus passes for older people (report, July 12, 1996), against their own Advocate-General's advice, it might be premature for groups sup-porting Lisa Grant (report, "Lesbian couple win equal rights to company perks", October 1) to assume their case was already won. The bus-pass case fell at the last

hurdle, on the court holding that these passes could not be considered as within "social security" in relation to the principle of equal treatment in social security; so the claim that discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation is comprehended within "sex discrimination" in relation to the principle of equal pay (and equal job benefits) for "men and women" might fall in the same way. Yours faithfully,

DAVID LINDSAY (Legal Adviser, Parity -Equal Rights for Men and Women). 36 Orchard Coombe. Whitchurch Hill, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr Christopher Miles Coope Sir. Who is my "partner"? Must we continue to assume that a partner

must be a person to whom one is sexually attracted, or with whom one has sexual relations of one sort or Non-sexual friendships can be

deeper and longer lasting than many sexual ones. Would it not be inequitable if such friendships were denied legal recognition just because no one has a moral objection to them. And why indeed should we be

confined to one partner at a time? CHRISTOPHER MILES COOPE. University of Leeds.

School of Philosophy, Leeds LS2 9JT. October 2

Outsiders and others

From Mr Michael Wyldbore-Smith

Sir, Could someone please enlighten me. By what name are the residents of Devon and Cornwall known, when they themselves go on holiday elsewhere (letters, September 22 and 26, October 4)?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WYLDBORE-SMITH, Most Cottage, Berkswell, Coventry, West Midlands. michael wyldbore-smith@dtz.co.uk

October 7.

Appeals on self-assessment deadline Play up, play up -

From the Chairman of the National Association of General Commissioners of Income Tax

Sir, There has been much publicity (report, Weekend Money, October 4) about penalties applicable under the new self-assessment system of tax-

The September 30 deadline was the last date on which 1997 income tax returns could be filed with the Inland Revenue where the Inland Revenue would guarantee to calculate any tax due before January 31, 1998, the next payment date. This latter date is also the deadline by which 1997 returns must be filed with the Inland Revenue to avoid a mandatory late-filing penalty of £100.

If a taxpayer feels he has a reasonable excuse for late filing which the inspector of taxes will not concede, he may appeal to the General Commissioners of Income Tax.

The commissioners are people from the local community appointed by the Lord Chancellor, not chosen because of any great expertise in tax matters, but for the qualities necessary to pro-perly decide issues between the taxpayer and the Inland Revenue. They are essentially lay people with a determination to provide a just and sensible attitude in their decisions on matters brought before them. They are unpaid and completely indepen-dent of the Inland Revenue. What a local inspector of taxes may regard as not being a reasonable excuse may be determined by the commissioners as being reasonable.

Proceedings at commissioners' meetings, which are held in private, are informal and the taxpayer does not have to be professionally represented. The easiest way for a taxpayer to appeal is to tell the inspector of taxes that he wishes to do so. The inspector will then inform the clerk to the general commissioners, who will arrange a hearing.

Yours faithfully. ROGER D. FELLOWS (Chartered accountant),

October 4.

Chairman National Association of General Commissioners of Income Tax. The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

From Ms Chrissie Maher, Director of the Plain English Campaign

Sir. Your report (September 30) about US tax officials being suspended after harassing American taxpayers is very disconcerting in the light of recent changes in the way taxes are collected

in Britain. Elizabeth Filkin, adjudicator for the Inland Revenue, says in her annual report (details, September 18) that 2.500 people complained about the Inland Revenue last year. She expects the figure to rise as people struggle with the self-assessment system. How long will it be before they start to target the most vulnerable of those affected by the system, the way their American counterparts seem to be doing?

When will the Chancellor intervene in this terrible decline in relations between the Inland Revenue and taxpayers? Let him call a halt to the fiasco unfolding now, grant an amnesty and force the Inland Revenue to redesign the form so it can be understood by the taxpayer.

Yours faithfully. CHRISSIE MAHER, Director. Plain English Campaign, PO Box 3, New Mills, Derbyshire. September 30.

to newcomers.

cultural, and universal in its openness

In our own time the Churches in England are breaking out of an exclu-

sively English culture under the influ-

ence of those of their members whose

cultural roots are in Africa, Asia, the

Caribbean and elsewhere. The paral-

All strength to those political lead-

ers who celebrate the fact of our mul-

ticultural society, and thereby help us

all to work together for the mutual

benefits that our diverse cultures can

nantain to Her Majesty the Ouesni.

100 Prince of Wales Drive, SWII.

Council for the Care of Churches be-

lieves this would be an over-costly and

Each parish church is a local res-

ponsibility and is best managed local-

ly. The alarm system appropriate for

a city-centre building would be wasted in the middle of fields. The job of those

of us at the centre is to channel to par-

ishes full and up-to-date expertise

and, yes, to encourage grant-givers to

provide appropriate help, whether

that is to pay church-watchers or to

Contrary to current myth, security

has been a problem for churches from

medieval times; then and now it can

best be tackled on the spot, encour-

aged but not directed by outside help.

buy particular equipment.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,

†COLIN HULME,

comparatively ineffective response.

bring in heralding the future.

Yours sincerely, IVOR SMITH-CAMERON

October 8.

lel with Blackpool is close.

Tebbit's speech

From Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron

Sir, As an Asian priest, may I respond to Lord Tebbit's attack, in his speech yesterday at Blackpool on Britain's multiculturalism" (report, October 8), by reminding him that Jesus was a Jew and the early Church in Jerusalem was firmly rooted in Jewish cul-

The New Testament records a major struggle between the Jerusalem Church and those from Gentile cultures who embraced the Christian

Eventually it was resolved that the Gentile Christians were *not* required to adopt a Jewish culture. Thus the

Church became fundamentally multi-

Church security From the Bishop of Hulme,

Chairman of the Council for the Care of Churches

Sir. Your correspondence on church security, following your leading arti-cle, "Nothing sacred" (September 30). may have given the mistaken impression that nothing is being done by church bodies to help parishes address the problem.

Quite apart from Lord Lloyd-Webber's splendid initiative of the Open Churches Trust (letter, October 4), this council, together with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, has organised a series of seminars and publications to advise church councils where the potential dangers lie and what the appropriate remedies might be.

Mr William Ruxton (letter, same day) regrets that a central security consultant and central record of thefts has not been established by "the Church of England authorities". The

Cruelty to badger

From the Executive Director of the Countryside Alliance

Sir. Your report, "Dog club official jailed for cruelty to pregnant badger (October 7), did a disservice to the Fell and Moorland Working Terrier Club. which is affiliated to the Countryside

The convicted man has not been a member of the club for three years and is not an official.

The club provides an invaluable service to owners of terriers that become lost underground in the countryside. Our office deals with at least one call a week from distraught

strict code of conduct set by the National Working Terrier Federation and approved by the Countryside Alliance when carrying out legitimate pest control at the request of land-

Yours truly, PETER VOUTE. Executive Director, Countryside Alliance, The Old Town Hall, 367 Kennington Road, SEII. October 7.

General Bergé

From Lord Jellicoe

Sir, I was very glad to read today the obituary of that splendid soldier, fine man and very dear friend, General Georges Bergé.

In your fascinating account of the first two Free French missions into occupied France there was one error. Géorges Bergé did not in fact take part in the second mission, "Josephine B", in which an important power generator near Bordeaux was blown up. However, the success of that mission owed much to the Resistance cell which he had established in South West France following his own mission ("Savanna") two months earlier. Then, in the ten days before being taken off in the submarine Tigris, he set up Resistance cells in Paris, Nevers, Bayonne and his home town,

The warnime SAS also owed an inestimable debt to Bergé. The highly

Fielden House. Little College Street, SWI. October 6. owners seeking help. All members have to adhere to the

Council for the Care of Churches,

owners and farmers. We totally condemn the persecution of protected species such as the

trained French squadron which he brought in January 1942 to join David Stirling's original detachment comprised, as Stirling put it "the bravest of

SAS regiments were formed. David Stirling, who held Bergé in the highest esteem, always spoke of him as one of the co-founders of the SAS Regiment. This generous judg-ment is one which I wholeheartedly

the brave". They showed both courage

and skill in their raiding operations in

the North African desert before their

return to the UK when the two French

endorse. Yours faithfully. JELLICOE. Tidcombe Manor. Marlborough, Wiltshire. October 2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

but win the game

From Mr Alex Standish

Sir, As a primary school PE teacher, ! disagree with the suggestion by the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference that the behaviour of players — and parents — at school sports matches, needs regulating, and that matches should elevate fair play above winning (report, October 7).

I attended a school football match recently where a goalkeeper dived to stop a shot on the goal line. The attacking team protested that the ball had crossed the line and much to my surprise the goalkeeper agreed and the referee was persuaded to give the

Putting fair play before winning is precisely what many educationalists want to see as a regular feature of competitive games. But the goalkeeper's opinion could have cost his team the game. Fortunately in this instance it didn't and his side went on to win the game. As for the decision, that is up to the officials, not the

At another game, in which my school team was taking part, both teams were told by the referee not to use aggressive tackles. Does anybody know how to tackle in a non-aggres-

sive way? The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race is the culmination of a year's work. The idea that this, or any other competitive sports match, be turned into a friendly event where you help the opposition out is nonsense. Without competitive rivalry teams do not strive for excellence, and ultimately standards are lowered.

Those educationalists who argue that the competitive element of physical education lessons be downplayed have taken a path towards lower

ALEX STANDISH. 51 Lansdown Place, Hove, East Sussex. October 8.

Kings of the river

From Mr J. T. Wakefield

Sir, The photograph a published of dolphins riding a wave (October 1) is most remarkable and I commend the photographer on his determination to obtain such a picture.

I am reminded of a similar sight ! witnessed in an isolated spot in Alaska a few years ago where salmon (ranging from Kings of 40lb and more, Sockeye, Humpys and Silvers of up to 251b) come to spawn in a very small river which has no full-time outflow into the sea. The river flows only when there is a high tide (usually late evening or during the night) and it is then the salmon run in large num-

The salmon congregate in the bay. waiting for the tide (where they are prey to seals and killer whales), and can be seen, ten to twenty fish at a time, riding broadside on in the curling waves.

With the afternoon light shining through the waves the sight is one to be seen to be believed, and to cast a fly into the wave and see a salmon turn and take is just fantastic.

Yours sincerely, J. T. WAKEFIELD, 2 Garden Court, Riverside Road, West Moors, Dorset. October 1.

Authors' brainstorms

From Mr P. H. R. Browning

Sir, In the mid-1980s the Home Office published The Sentence of the Court. a guide to the powers of magistrates. The first edition appeared with a list of errata, which itself included more errata (letters, October 3, September 10 and 17). Among the most enjoyable

for 'officer' read 'offender' for 'necessary' read 'unnecessary'. The best, which suggested a radical new sentencing option read:

for 'fire' read 'fine'. Yours faithfully.
PHILIP BROWNING, Oak House, Garmston Lane, Eaton Constantine. Shrewsbury, Shropshire. philip.browning@cableinet.co.uk October 5.

World wide web?

From Dr Stanley Solomons

Sir, Mr Hamish Carmichael (letter, October 7) draws attention to the unusual number of exceptionally large spiders' webs this autumn and asks what it could mean,

Hopefully, it means very bad news for the flies.

Yours sincerely, S. SOLOMONS, 165 West Heath Road, NW3. October 7.

From Mr Christopher Ellis

Sir, Mr Carmichael's spiders are simply following the example of the Government — spinning like crazy.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER ELLIS, 18 Upper Old Park Lane, Farnham, Surrey. October 8.



COURT CIRCULAR

AIWAN-e-SADR, ISLAMABAD October 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the National Assembly Islamabad, where Her Maiesty addressed the Joint Session of

The Oueen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards opened a British Council exhibition "Traditions of Respect" (on the influence of Islam in the West) at the Convention Centre,

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later gave a Luncheon at the British High Commissioner's

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Rawalpindi Cricket Club, met the Pakistani and South African Test Teams and watched part of the

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later laid a Wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and met Veterans.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards attended a Reception in the gardens of the British High Commissioner's

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently watched Beat Retreat by the Royal Marine

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 8: The Duke of York this morning opened the EUROGOLF 97 trade exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, and was received by Mrs Rachael Heyhoe Flint (Deputy Lieutenant

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Centenary Dinner given by the Western Gailes Golf Club at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 8: The Princess Royal today opened the Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton Hall, Cambridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Autistic Society, this afternoon re-opened Radlett Lodge School, Harper Lane, Radlett, and was received by Lady Stuart-Smith (Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later attended a Reception for staff fundraisers at Her Majesty's Treasury. Parliament Street, London SWI. Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Gala Dinner

given by HMV at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. October & The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the Carlisle Business Centre, Bradford, and was received by Mr David Fearnley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

West Yorkshire). His Royal Highness later visited

Life baronies

Baron Cope of Berkeley

The life barony conferred upon Sir John Ambrose Cope has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Cope of Berkeley. Gloucestershire.

The life barony conferred upon the Right Hon Alfred Morris has been gazetted by the name, style and

the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television Bradford, and afterwards opened the new Eye Clinic at Bradford

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this afternoon viewed a demonstration by St John Ambulance Cadets and Sadgers at Bradford University

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron. National Asthma Campaign, this evening attended a preview of the Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gar-

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK October & Princess Alexandra this afternoon attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark the Twenty Fifth Anniver-

Lambeth Palace, London SEL. Her Royal Highness, President of the Royal Humane Society, subsequently presented bronze medals to Mr David Hempleman-Adams and Mr Rune Gjeldnes at

sary of the Friends of the Clergy Corporation in the Chapel of

Royal engagements

On behalf of the Queen, the Princess Royal will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Prince Edward, as President, will hold a reception for the National Youth Music Theatre, Buckingham Palace, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Ex-port Council, will attend the career and workwear show. Company Clothing/Clothing World, The Business Design Centre, Islington, London NI. at 200; as President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the Stakis London Islington Hotel, Upper Street, Islington, at 3.50; and as President, Royal Yachting Association, will attend the British Nauti-cal awards. Cafe Royal, at 7.30. Princess Margaret will visit HMS Norfolk at Devonport at noon: and as President, Birmingham Royal Ballet, will attend the British premiere of Edward II at the Birmingham Hippodrome, at 7.20. The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, at 11.40; will view the re-development of the Castle Basin area, Castlefield, at 2.15: and will visit Manchester

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Beechwood Cancer Care Centre, Stockport, at 11.35; will open the Phase I re-development at Stafford General Hospital at 225; and as president, will visit Princess Manchester, at 3.30.

Business Link in the city centre at

Princess Alexandra will open the new playground of Alexandra infant School to mark the school's 25th anniversary, Alexandra Road. Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, at 10.30.

Baron Sainsbury of Turville

The life barony conferred upon

Mr James Stuart Gordon has been

gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Gordon of

Strathblane, of Deil's Craig in

The life barony conferred upon Mr David John Sainsbury has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Sainsbury of Turville, of Turville in the County of Buckinghamshire. Baron Gordon of Strathblane

title of Baron Morris of Manchester, of Manchester in the County of Greater Manchester.

BMDS: 0171 680 6880

Birthdays today

The Duke of Kent celebrates his 62nd birthday today. Mr Joe Ashton, MP, 64; Mr Brian Blessed, actor, 60; Colonel W. S. Brownlow, former Lord-Lieuten-ant of Co Down, 76: Miss Sally Burgess, classical singer, 44: the Right Rev Lord Coggan, 88; Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer, 46: Sir Colin Corness, former chairman, Glaxo Wellcome, oo: Lieutenant-General Sir Samuel Cowan, S6: Mr Denzil Davies, former MP, 59; Mr Swart Devlin, gold and silversmith, 66; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 90; Mr John Doubleday, sculptor. 50: Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, former Provost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 68; Mr Peter Elliott, athlete, 35; Sir David Goodall, diplomat, 66; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG. CH, FRS, 90; Lord Haskel, 63; Lambert, former chairman, Sun Manchester. 59: Professor Sir Peter Mansfield, FRS, physicist, 64: Sir John Margetson, diplomat, 70: Mr Eamonn Martin, athlete, 39: Mr N.M. Mischler, former chairman, Hoechst UK, 77; Earl Nelson, 56; Miss Marianne Neville-Rolfe, regional director for Government North West, 53; Mr Steve Ovett, athlete, 42; Sir Norman Payne, former chairman. BAA, 76; Mr John Pilger, journal ist, author and film maker, 58: Mr. Andy Platt, rugby league player, 34: the Earl of Plymouth, 74: Mr John Rose, chief executive, Rolls-Royce, 45; Commander Michael Saunders Walson, former president, Historic Houses Association 63; Lord Shaw of Northstead, 77; Sir Donald Sinden, actor, 74; Mr Bill Tidy, cartoonist, 64.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the hos at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Malaysian Government's Minister for Defence.

Company of Chartered

Accountants
The following have been installed officers of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales for the ensuing year:
Master. Mr G.H. Kingsmill: Senior
Warden. Mr W.K. Gardener; Junior
Warden. Mr W.K. Gardener; Junior
Warden. Mr D.T. Young.
At a dinner held afterwards at

At a tunner neto aprevarios ate Chartered Accountants' Hall the Master presided, Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of Lundon, the Senior Warden, and the Dean of St Senior Warden, and the Dean of St Paul's also spoke. Among others

Paults also spoke. Among others present were:
The Master and Clerk of the Founders' Company, the Master and Clerk of the Plaisterers' Company, the Master and Clerk of the Company of Master Martiners, the Master and Clerk of the London Solicilors' Company and the Master and Clerk of the Guild of Tax Addisors.

Reception

Mason Owen & Partners Mason Owen & Partners, Commercial Property Consultants, held a cocktail party at Spencer ise. St James Place. London SWI, last night to mark their 30th Anniversary. Clients and friends of the firm were present.

Sir John Soane's Museum

Mr Richard Griffiths, Senior Partner of Farrer and Co and a Life Trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum, has been elected Chairman of the Trustees on the retirement of the Duke of Grafton.
KG. The Duke has had a long association with the Museum, becoming a Life Trustee in 1962

Sir Guy Holland

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Guy Holland, Bt, will be held on Thursday. October 30, at 2.30pm, at St John the Baptist Church, Burford, Oxfordshire.



King Albert II, King of the Belgians, viewing the crown jewels of the former Holy Roman Empire in the treasury chamber of the Hofburg Palace in Austria yesterday. King Albert and Queen Paola are on an official three-day visit to Austria

Royal Air Force College Cranwell

Air Marshal A J C Bagnall, Deputy Commander in Chief Headquarters Allied Forces Central Europe, was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 73 officers of No 167 Initial Officer Training Course and 19 officers of No 263 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College

Cranwell on October 2. Graduating Officers of No 167 Initial Officer Training Course General Duties Branch - Pilot General Dines Branch — Phot Flying Officer's A Bateman; Pilot Officers D J Arlett, Berng: M P C Barnett, BA, MEng. R E Cripps. Beng, T E Dunlop. Beng. C B Enright, BSc. J G C Mitchell, BSc. I M Peterson, BSc. A S Riches, BSc. and P L Young, BSc; Acting Pilot Officers O J Jackson, J W Osborne and N P Staite.

General Duties Branch -

Flying Officer I R Stainthorpe, BSc: Fliot Officers R D F Baker, BA. D A Beamond, BSc, MBA, K L Billingham, BSc, M J Crawford, BA, A R Fisher, BSc, L McLenaghan, BEng, A L Risely. BEng, and R Sloley, BSC, Acting Pilot Officers M T Frazer, C McDonnell.

Operations Support Branch – Air Traffic Control Flying Officers R D Ackroyd, BA, P M Greenham, S M Hawker and J E Wheeler, Pilot Officer H E Pearce, BSC, MMedSCI; Acting Pilot Officers, G J J Currie and A L Willis. Operations Support Branch —

Figure Control
Flying Officers P J Duffield, C R M
Jones, BA, and P D Rogers, BSc.
Pliot Officers S A Clayton, BA, MR
Graham, MEng, H M Madden,
BSc. P M Mason, BA, and C M
Parker, BSc. PGCE, Acting Pilot
Officer M J Hull.

Operations Support Branch --Chesauchs Support Status Williams

Flying Officer N J Hall BSc. MIS;

Pilot Officer E C Ackland, MSc.

Acting Pilot Officer D W L

Marshall.

Operations Support Branch Regiment
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Pliot Officer M Williams, BA:
Pliot Officers P N Brown, BA, N J E
Bunce, BSc, J P Duhan, BA, and P
D Ratnage BA; Acting Pilot Officer
G M Wood. Flying Officers D M Bradbrook BEng, S Ellis, M Gellini, L A Greensinde, S E Hartley, BEng, Al Schoner, PJ Skelton, T K Tinsley, A L Ward and N P Williams, Pilo Officers A Gilbert, MEng, and M P Mason, BEng.

Administrative Branch

Flying Officers L M Bolton, LLB, I W Edwards, MIL. D J Marks and N McMillan, MA; Pilot Officer A. Garratt. Ba: Acting Pilot Officers J L Lawrence and M

Foreign and Commonwealth Royal Brunei Armed Forces 2LI M S B A Ahmad, 2Lt A I Ariffin, 2 Lt H M A S Noch, 2 Lt H B I M Said, BA, and 2 Lt M A Tarip. Graduating Officers of No 263

Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Operations Support Branch

Flying Officer J Haley, BSc Engineer Branch Fit Lt A R Harrison, BEng, AMIEE

Medical Branch Son Ldrs S R M Caldera, PSC, FRCSOto, I F N Lastado, FRCS(Ed), and N I Low, MB, ChB, FR Lts J M Kendrew, MB, BS, A L Knights, MB, BS, BSc, and C L Shepard, BM. Dental Beanch

Fit Lts S R Butler, BChD, and S M Robb, BDS, BMSc. Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Fit Lis N C Dyson, RGN, S W Pascoe, RGN, DipN, and B A Reilly, RGN, DipN; Flying Officer A J Pavitt, RN, DipN.

Chaplain's Branch
Fit Lis J M Beach. BSc. BA, J E
Caulfield, BD, M W Hodges, OP,
STL. M'theol, M Olanrewalu,
DIPRS DIPTh BA MA, and F A
Bennie, BSc. LTh.

Prizewinners of No 167 Initial Officer Training Course

The Sword of Merit, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding ability, leadership and other officer qualities and potential for further development: Officer Cadet S A Batterson The Hennessy Trophy and Philip

the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has proved to be the best all-round cader, other than the Sword of Merit winner: Officer Cadet G M Wood.

The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy, awarded to the RAF or Foreign and Commonwealth cades who has attained the highest the course: Officer Cadet P J

Overseas Students' Prize, awarded to the Foreign and Commonw cadet who has produced the best overall performance in leadership. officer qualities and professional studies on the course Officer Cadet H M A S Noch RBAF.

The Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during initial Officer Training, has shown the greatest improvement: Student Officer H M Madden BSc.

The Sarah Moland Memorial Prize awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding qualities of courage and fortitude:

Officer Cadet A L Schoner. The Longcroft Trophy, awarded to the cadet who has contributed most to sport during initial Officer Training: Student Officer M P C Barnett BA MEng.

Prizevianer of No 263 Specialist Entrant and Re-Batrant Course The Daedalus Trophy, awarded to the student who, during training on the Specialist Entrant and Re-

Entrant Course, has proved to be the best all-round cade: Student Officer S R M Caldera BSc MB

Gray's Inn The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's

Mr Michel Louis Kallipetis, OC, Mr David Nowell Barnard, Mr (George) Winston Roddick. QC, His Honour Sir Frank White and Professor Mark Robert Freedland.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss I.J. Harvey

HEINZ-PETER BADER/ABUTE

The engagement is announced between Neil son of Mr and Mrs ian Alexander, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Laura Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Harvey, of Skewen, Neath.

Mr P.R. Chatterton and Miss R.L. Fenton

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Mike Chatterton, of Plungar, Leicestershire, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Fenson, of Dulwich, London. Mr D.N.C. Cecking

and Miss J.C. Seddo The engagement is announced between Damian, son of Brigadier and Mrs Nicholas Cocking of Kington Magna, Dorset, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Seddon, of Penn.

Mr J.R.O. Couse and Miss L.J. Peterkin The engagement is amouseed between James, elder son of Mr Philip Couse, of Edghaston, Birmingham, and of Mrs David Carr, of Wentmor, Shropshire, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr John Peterkin and the late Mrs Anne

Peterkin, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. Mr A.P. Fobel

and Miss D. Gordon The engagement is armounced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs David Fobel, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Danielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Irving Gordon, of Surhiton, Surrey.

Mr J.H. Phonos and Miss K.S. Mierzejewska The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and between James, som w. Mrs Peter Pinnan, of Pewsey. Wiltshire, and Kasia Micrzejewska, of Warsaw, Poland.

Sub Lieutenant S.J. Presidee. and Miss C.I. January
The engagement is armounced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs John Pressdee, of Lavant. West Sussex, and Claire, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Janaway, of Chichester, West Mr J.J. Ricketts

and Miss K.V.B.M. Mercer
The engagement is amounced between John, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Sidney Charles Ricketts, and Katherine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Mercer, of Egham, Surrey. The marriage will take place in January 1999. .

Samuel Pepys Chib

The annual dinner of the Samuel Pepys Club was held last right at Middle Temple Hall. The Earl of Sandwich, president, was in the chair. Dr. Richard Lacken, Pepys Librarian at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and Mr. Derek Stephen, hairman of the club, also spoke.

Savage Club

Judge Martin Reynolds, Chairman of the Savage Club, presided at the annual dinner beld last night at I Whitehall Place to mark the 140th anniversary of the club's founding by

Mr G.J. Summers and Miss N.J. Crawford

The engagement is announced between Guy Jonathon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Sumners. of Keymer, Sussex, and Naralie Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jan Crawford, of Lindfield, Sussex.

Mr J.W. Tate and Miss F.L. Sturia The engagement is announced between John, son of Sir Saxon Tate, of London, and the late Mrs H. Sandford, of Bicton. Shropshire, and Louise, daughter of the tate Mr James R. Sturia and

of Mrs Sturla, of St Asaph,

Denhighshire. Flight Lieutenant K.F. Trasler and Miss C.A. Quicke

The engagement is announced between Kieran, elder son of the Rev Graham and Mrs Traster, of Alresford, Hampshire, and of Airesund, and daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Quicke, of Roystone Grange, Derbyshire.

Mr A.L. Vicina and Miss J.J. McCafferty

The engagement is announced between Antonio, son of Mr and Mrs Joaquim de Palma Vieira, of Sao Pedro do Sul, Portugal, and Justine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McCafferty, of Ealing,

Marriages

Mr.N.S.R. Browniec and Miss J.C. Irving
The marriage took place on
Saturday, October 4, 1997, at
St Andrews Church, Kirkandrews on Esk, between Mr Nicolas Brownlee, son of Dr Geoff and Miss Jane Irving, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hylton Irving, of Low Glendinning Rigg, Per Cumbria. Canon Bill

Dr G.S. Brownlee und Miss E.J. Woodwa

officiated.

The marriage took place on Sunday, October 5, 1997, at The Old Blacksmith's Shop, Greena Green, between Dr Geoff Brownlee, son of Mr and Mrs John Brownlet, of Heaham, and Miss Elizabeth Woodward, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pat Woodward, of Durham. The Rev Laurie Dennison officiated.

Constructors' Company The following have been installed officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Robert V. Whatton: Seni Warden, Mr Peter Heath: Midd Warden, Mr David A. Hutchiso Renier Warden, Mr John Barra Junior Warden, Mr John Barra Junior Warden, Mr Paul Lacoy.

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn Princess Margaret, Royal Bencher of Lincoln's Inn., the Treasurer and Benchers and their guests attended a dimer held on Tuesday evening at Lincoln's Inn to mark the 90th birthday (October 9) of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG. CH. FRS. Lady Hailsham was also

amiversary of the chib's founding by George Augustus Sala. Mr John Worsky, Mr Leslie Marchie and Mr Denys Coomber, Savages, were the principal guests.

Marylebone Cricket Club Mr Michael Melluish, Treasurer of MCC, was in the Chair at a Club Pouncy was in the Chair at a Cub Dimer which was held in the Long Room at Lord's last night. Mr Matthew Maynerd, Captain of Glamorgan CCC, the winners of this year's County Championship, proposed the toast to "Cricket" and Lord Griffiths responded. **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Sir. George Tomline, Bishop of Winshester 1820-27, Bury St Edmunds, 1750; Mary Tighe, poet, Ireland, 1772; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, Paris, 1835; Simil Fischer, chemist. Nobel laureare 1982: Fusicirchem. Germany, 1852; Alfred Dreylus, French army officer wrengly imprisoned for espionage. Alsace, 1859. Nikolai Bukhariti revolui-Tati, actor and film director, Paris. 1908, John Leanos, singer and songwriter, Liverpool, 1940.

DEATHS: Claude Perrault. architect and physician Paris 1688, Sir Richard Blackmore physician and writer, Boxted, Essex, 1729; Joseph Farwell Glidden, farmer, inventor of barbed wire, De Kalb, Illinois, 1906; King Alexander I of Yugoslavia; assassinated, Marseilles, 1934; Sir Witfred Granfell, medical missionary, Charlotte, Vermont, 1940; Eugen Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1939-58, Castelgandolfo, Italy, 1958; Sp Henry Traard, scientist, 1959; Andre Maurois, acvelist and biographer, Paris, 1967, Che Guevara, guerrilla leader, Bolivia, 1967; Orson Welles, actor and titan director, Hollywood, 1985. Yale College received its charter. 1701

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SMITH - On October 2nd in London, to Sanela and STOCKTON - On October 5th 1997, at the Matilda Hospital in Hong Kong, to Katie (née Lorimer) and Falilip, a daughter, Ella Smith, a daughter, Ella

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CHERRENE - On October 4th 1997, William Echert, and 64 years. Much loved husband of Eve and father of Susie and Sun. A Service of Thanksgiving will take pince at St James Church, Hartlebury, Wurczeswahire or Priday October 17th at 11am. Donations in memory of Still for Birmingham Childrens Hospital are being accented by H. Poztra & Sons. Childrens Hospital are bein accepted by H. Poster & Son 60 South Road, Stourtside

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Peacefully on 7th 1997. Commander Bertram John Darlow C.R.E., aged 85 years. Loving father of Carol and Anthony, a of Carol and Anthony, a loved grandfather and dearly loved mother of Eric. He will be sadly missed by all his faully and friends. The funeral service will be hald at St Glies Church, Oriond on Monday 13th October at 2pm, followed by private committal at Oxford Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to fleere & Pain, 19

EVAME - Nancy (pie Kwty) died peacufully in Jansey on 7th October 1997 aged 48 years, mother of Rancy Melises and Amenda, partner of Dr. John Swann, Memordal Service to be beld at the Crematorium, Westmount Enad, 3t Helier, Jersey, Cl. on Monday 13th October at 12 noon. All amquiries to H.W. Mediland & Son Ltd. Pensenil Directors, tel: (01534) 37291.

FYFIELD - Charles William OSR, retired Strick Council Representative. "Bill", peacefully after several years of ill-health borne with great fortitude, died 2nd October aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Mell and adored father of Bil, Carl and Lyane. Devoted and greatly loved grandisther of Robert, Stephen, Rissheth, Meegas, Sarah, Mark, Simon and Clare. GREOY - Bric William Francis Gibby, Rric died peacefully on Monday 6th October 1997. So loved by his wife, children and grandchildren. Family flowers only. Any dountlons to Amnesty International

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LUTYRELL - Lady Elizabeth Harmions (née Shirley) on October 7th peacefully at home after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Beloved widow of john, mother of Radeleine and Lucy. Service of Tambagiving at Winchester College Chapel on Tuesday October 14th at 3 ps. Family flowers only. Densitions, if desired, to Marie Curie Concert Cans. do No. Steel & Son. Chesti House, Whetherter SU23 CHU.

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iASES - Edna Gercupe uses pencefully at her son's house on October 7th 1997. Pumenal Service to take place on Priday 10th October at St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford at 2,30 pm.

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Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Edenbridge Parish Cherch at 12 noon on Setunday 1st November.

MARPLES - Brian John peacefully at Freeland House on 4th October 1997 aged 90 years. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at a later date.

sleep at St Luke's, Oxford, or Sth October 1997 in he 8th October 1997 in her 96th year. Much beloved teacher and friend Funeral at \$t Andrew's. Old Headington, Oxford at 12 neon on Friday 17th October. No flowers but if wished donations to the National Trust. Lette on in the year a Mamorial Service will be held at Headington School, Oxford.

aason - On October 6th 1997 at his home in Ipswich, Canon Richard John Mason, Archdescon of Tombridge 1977-98, aged 68. Much loved hyther of Am and Diana. Private crumation. A Diana. Private cremation. A service commemorating his life and admistry will be held at \$1 Mary in Tower Church, lyswich on \$aturday \$th Movember at 2 pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, payable to The Church Urben Fund, may be sent to Farthing, Singleton & Hasting, 550 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4FW.

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Matthew Carl Royal Marines aged 23 years died in the Queen's Medical Centre Queen's Medical Centre Northgam on Suntay Sth October efter suffering severe injuries in a motor accident. A tragic loss to his persons, John and Linda, and his sisters Sarah and Heisen. The funeral is at 2 pm on Tuesday 14th October in Holy Trinity Church, Endgwick, West Sussez. Flowers to Freeman Brothers, North Parade, Hombem by 12:30 pm on 14th or pretensibly donations to the Royal Marines Tuescatteniary Lesief Fund. 40 Commande Royal Marines, Norton Ranor Camp, Taunton. 1997 at Western Indian Roman Archaeology, Glassjow University, sixter of line him Duff, the lane hims Jean Barnett and the late Hims Insule! Robertson. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalhotter on Friday 10th October at 11.50 am to which all friends are invited. No. Slowers, belease but

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TELPER - Margaret Handrie, widow of Percy James Tulier of Amstralia, greatly belowed inother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died peacefully in The Gavin Aster Rursing Home, Aylesford, Kant, on October 4th aged 55. Present Service at The Vines United Reform Church. Rocksetter, at at the Vines United Seferm Church, Rochester, at 11.30am Tuesday October 14th, Pandly Rowers only please, Dountions if desired to The Vines Church c/o Vines & Sons Ltd., High Staset, West Mailing, Lent MR19 6LU, tel: (01732) 842485.

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OBITUARIES

FRANK GEORGE

Frank George, a pioneer of cybernetics, died on September 10 aged 76. He was born on May 2, 1921.

uring the late 1950s, when Frank George began to make cybernetics his own, the emerging science was described as "a land teeming with questions, while all the answers lie just beyond the hills". Many of the sharpest and most stimulating questions came from Frank George, whose incisive brain and overwhelming energy did much to bring the new science to the notice of industry and fellow academics.

Cybernetics was then concerned with the theory of control systems, whether of machines, animals or human beings. In particular, the term was used to refer to comparisons between patterns of such control systems, and so the science became the basis for studies of artificial intelligence.

George's delight in symbolic logic. information theory and philosophy took him eagerly towards the new field. It is true that his name is not attached to any great or original advances, but his ability to generate enthusiasm in others and, through his astonishing number of books, to raise awareness and curiosity in a very wide readership, give him an assured and established place among the

early pioneers.

He was educated at Taumton
School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. The war claimed him before Cambridge, and his habitual determination and capacity for work took him from being a fighter pilot to flying instructor and finally, as a flight lieutenant, to the position of station adjutant.

in the Royal Air Force he had developed a remarkable gift for friendship, and when he went up to Sidney Sussex — a tall, courtly and charming young man — he was quickly surrounded by an ever-widening circle of friends. He had a penetrating mind and it was no: surprise to anyone when he took a double first in maths and in moral



sciences. He then accepted an appointment in the department of philosophy and psychology at Bristol University.

In his 15 years there he wrote ten books, including the influential The Brain as a Computer and Cybernetics and Biology. In hindsight it could be said that computers were then much too limited in power and speed to be able to act like human brains, so the determined attempts of George and other pioneers to create a theoretical basis for an electronic brain held back the development of artificial intelligence for a short while, until an approach accepting the limitations of available comput-

ers was found. In any event, George's ability to explain the complex in a straight-forward way gained him a public keen to learn more, and this growing awareness helped considerably in attracting funds to cybernetic projects. George's contribution was more than 50 books in 30 years. Inevitably some of them were lightweight, but all were written with infectious and authoritative enthusiasm.

His approach to writing was unusual, but energetic. At the begin-

ning of one long car journey with his wife and two daughters he told them confidently that before they arrived he would have had a good idea for a new book. In due course he announced that he was going to write a book about horse racing. They pointed out with the usual family amusement that he knew absolutely nothing about the subject and had better think again. Undeterred, he spent much of his spare time in the next year analysing the results of

12,000 races. He devised a system

based on a logical analysis of race

conditions, breeding, trainer, jockey,

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distance, other horses in the race and so on. The method seemed to produce a good proportion of winners (65 per cent won an each way bet) and George duly wrote Horse Racing with the Commodore 64 (after the home computer of that name).

In 1964 he left Bristol to become managing director of Educational and Scientific Developments, a company in the Imperial Group. Perhaps he felt that industry did not allow for the rapid development of ideas in the way he was accustomed to, for in 1968 he returned to an academic environment. He accepted the post of professor of cybernetics at Brunel University.

Here, as at Bristol, he put to full use his enthralling ability to paint large intellectual pictures, encouraging students to combine openness to ideas with the clarity and precision of mathematics. Inspiration is a word used commonly enough of teachers: most of Frank George's students would acclaim his brand of inspiration as very rare. Many also became long-time friends.

His influence on the development and use of cybernetics was still further extended by his editorship of a number of journals, including Brain Research, the Journal of Systems Science, Kybernetes and the Journal of Intelligent Systems.

George's academic and industrial appointments were legion. He was a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. a fellow of the British Computer Society and a member of the Experimental Psychology Society. He held visiting professorships at — among other universities — McGill, Princeton and Stanford. An appointment he was rightly proud of was Charles Beard Lecturer at Oxford in 1965.

He was a much-valued consultant to Nato, the Department of Industry, the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office and the Treasury. And in the 1960s he appeared in his own regional television programme. Let's Face Facts.

He and his wife Jacqueline celebrated their golden wedding on July 12 this year. She and their two daughters survive him.

A shortlist was drawn up

(which included such distin-

guished names as the Am-

erican, I.M. Pei); Graham

agreed to be an assessor, and

the competition winner was

Richard Rogers, then already

famous for his part in the

design of the Pompidou Cen-

tre. A year later the Hong

Kong and Shanghai Bank

the RIBA, which again handled the competition for its

Fortunately, Graham was still president to see it was

properly run, and in this case

Norman Foster was the win-

ner. Both buildings proved to

be fine landmarks in English

modern architectural design.

design.

PROFESSOR ROGER HARDISTY

Roger Hardisty. Professor of Haematology at London's Institute of Child Health, 1969-87, died on September 18 aged 74. He was born on September 19, 1922.

ROGER HARDISTY was the first haematologist in this country to devote himself entirely to the study of blood diseases in childhood. Through his personal re-search and teaching, and by establishing the Department of Haematology at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, he played a central role in developing this speciality in Britain. His work was internationally recognised, and he was a major figure in British haematology during a period when this field played an important role in the evolution of modern scientific medicine.

After graduating from St Thomas' Hospital Medical School in 1944 and a short period in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Roger Michael Hardisty spent most of his formative years at St Thomas'. where he gained a broad training in clinical pathology and later in haematology. At that time British

haematology was largely a laboratory-based speciality, and Hardisty became particularly proficient in the investigation of bleeding disorders an interest which he maintained throughout his career. In 1958, despite having had no formal training in paediatrics, he was appointed consultant haematologist to the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, and over the next 30 years he built up the first British department to offer expertise across the whole range of blood diseases in childhood. It rapidly became a major centre for referral of children from all over the world.

Hardisty made a number of important contributions to understanding the mechanisms and management of blood diseases. During the 1950s it became evident that blood platelets, far from being undistinguished little cells with a merely mechanical part in arresting bleeding, have a remarkably complex biochemadapted to their several roles, both in haemostasis and in initiating some of the more complicated reactions which lead to the formation of a blood clot. Hardisty had a lifelong fascination with these platelets, and made some crucial discoveries about their metabolism and about the changes that occur when they clump together...
At the same time he devel-

oped an interest in the childhod leukaemias. Once it became clear that these devastating diseases might respond to treatment if more than one drug were administered, Hardisty became one of the prime movers in this country in the development of clinical trials to try to determine the

best combination of agents. Much of this work was done under the auspices of the Medical Research Council. He served first as secretary and then as chairman of the council's working party on childhood leukaemia, which made a major contribution to the management of this previous-

ly fatal condition.

By the time he had completed his tenure, the cure rate for childhood leukaemia was in the region of 70 per cent. There is no doubt that much of the success of the British childhood leukaemia trials was due to Hardisty, and to his obsessional care in ensuring that they were carried out in a thorough yet humane fashion. In Hardisty's time at Great

Ormond Street, he trained many young paediatric haematologists and saw the field expand dramatically. He also found the time to co-edit a general textbook of haematology, to co-write an extremely valuable monograph on bleeding disorders, and to edit the British Journal of

Haematology.

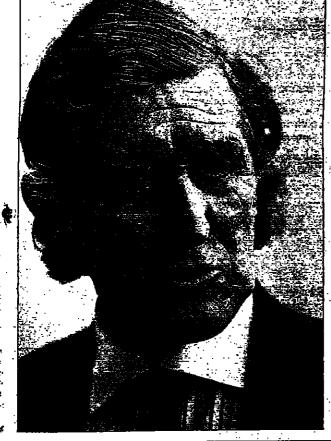
He was a founder member and later president of two societies in the field, and vicepresident of the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. The French government made him a Chevalier de L'Ordre Nationale du Mérite.

Unlike many heads of academic departments of his time. Hardisty avoided adding his name to the research papers of his younger colleagues. Rather, he made sure that they drafted and redrafted their papers until he was satisfied with their style and content. He was a shy man, but a formidable intellect and a stylish writer himself. Some of his young colleagues found his highly critical approach to research and practice rather formidable but all, virtually without excpetion, came to respect his clinical and scientific excellence and integrity.

Outside medicine, Hardisty was a man of considerable breadth, with a deep knowledge of music, literature and theatre. His wife, Jytte, is an expert in Danish cookery, and a visit to his home was all an enriching experience.

In retrospect, the rather unconventional appointment of a haematologist trained in "adult" blood diseases as a consultant at Great Ormond Street in 1958 was an extremely perspicacious move; Hardisty was able in 30 years to establish a new speciality in this country and to make it the invaluable part of paediatric practice that it is today. Children with blood diseases and their families owe him an enormous debt.

Professor Hardisty is survived by his wife and their son and daughter.



GORDON Gordon Graham, CBE, architect, died on ptember 21 aged 77. He as born on June 4, 1920.

GORDON GRAHAM was fond of describing himself as a consultant architect and adviser, a view that was characteristic of his reticence and modesty. He was much more than when in a position of influence as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. As such he directed his considerable energy towards encouraging, in one way or another, the selection of designers of quality and flair.

In particular he set about promoting architectural competitions. They were the best as well as the fairest method, he believed, of choosing architects, and of discovering hitherto unknown ability. Gordon Graham was born

in Carlisle and educated at Creighton School, after which he trained at Nottingham School of Architecture. This was after a brief spell at Cambridge, where he had come across the university's

professor of architecture, George Checkley, a remarkable teacher who had built an early and brilliant modern house in the town. Graham followed him to Nottingham when Checkley took over the running of the department. For Graham, Checkley was a vital source of inspiration, introducing him to the works Wright, Alvar Aalto and other

Movement. With the war, Graham joined the Royal Artillery, serving in North Africa, Italy and France between 1940 and 1946. He then returned to college to complete his course, qualifying in 1949. He won the RIBA Arthur Cates Essav prize that year, and was at the same time appointed senior lecturer at Nottingham.

great names of the Modern

In 1953 he won a travelling scholarship which took him all over South and Central America, studying Aztec and Mayan architecture, In 1957 he set up his own practice, the Architects Design Group, with students of his from Nottingham as partners.

involved with the RIBA's affairs, serving on many committees and still teaching. He remained at the school until 1960, and by the mid-1960s his practice was thriving. The then president of the RIBA, Sir William Holford,

GRAHAM

By 1955 he was actively

was a help to him: he was working for the Central Elecwas looking out for new talent to design power stations. As a result of Holford's recommendation. Graham's partnership established an international reputation in this lucrative area of industrial building, with such works as the Kings Lynn compressor station, the Pembroke power station and the natural gas terminal for home oil at Pickering in Yorkshire. These very large schemes reflected his passion for the strong, spare lines of modern architecture.

Graham became a member of the RIBA council in 1967, was vice-president, 1969-71, and senior vice-president in 1976. The year before it had been the turn of Eric Lyons, designer of the now listed Span Houses, to be elected president, and it was he, possibly more than any other member of the RIBA who was an enthusiastic backer of the competition system — until that is, Gordon Graham came

along. Lyons encouraged Graham to run for the presidency, and when duly elected in 1977 he was determined to pursue his ideas. During Graham's twovear presidency he had a chance to pull-off two dramatic scoops in the competi-tion field — one for the new Lloyd's Building, the other for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Lloyd's came to the RIBA in 1977 for advice on how to select an architect, and Graham persuaded the directors to hold a limited competition; at the cost of £100,000 to find the right architect, he said, it was

When the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank asked Graham to act as adviser in the early stages, he resigned from his own partnership and joined Foster Associates. This was in 1984, and he subsequently worked on their King's Cross scheme, also winning the competition design for the proposed BBC Radio headquarters at Langham Place. This, however, was eventually dropped. and Graham was naturally annoved, not least with the

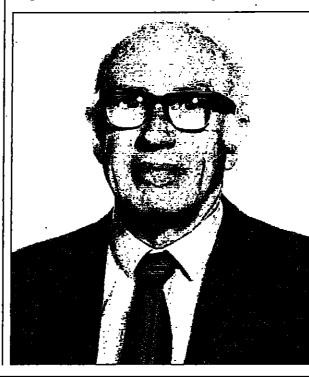
RIBA for failing to support the Royal Fine Art Commission in

speaking out against the

BBC's decision.

Graham was always fear-less, never minding what he said. On the one hand, he condemned the Canary Wharf development as "an urban disaster": on the other, he gave evidence in support of the vast, daring Coin Street proposal for the South Bank by Rogers at the public inquiry in the mid-1980s. As a fine writer of English and an excellent speaker, he was an asset at any inquiry.

He retired from Foster Associates in 1989. He had been appointed CBE in 1980. Separated from his wife, he lived his last ten years at the Reform Club. He is survived by his three daughters.



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affairs of the kingdom some other rules than those which before the modifications and additions recently introduced into the constitution were by it established and prescribed ... After the most serious reflection we have considered this the most fitting period for carrying into execution our longcontemplated purpose of passing the remaining days which God may please to grant us in repose and freedom from the cares of government, under the grateful recollection of all the benefits that His kindness and wisdom have conferred upon us. A firm, vigorous, manly, and more youthful hand, free from the weight of old age, and unembarrassed by

antecedent re-collections, will hereafter be required for the administration of the kingdom and the promotion of its happiness and welfare, and under our full impression and conviction that the burden of the government would henceforth oppress us, and incapacitate us during the remaining years of our life from devoting due and vigilant attention to the interests of our heloved subjects, we have. after mature deliberation, out of our own entire free will, this day resolved to terminate irrevocably our long reign, and to transfer our Royal, Grand Ducal, and Ducal authority to our beloved son, the Prince of Orange . . .

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Tory workers demand more power

■ Tory rank and file rose in revolt as it vented its fury against sleaze and disloyalty in the parliamentary party, demanded a bigger say in leadership elections and called for more powers to throw out errant MPs.

The anger of Tory workers at the way years of splits and scandals had contributed to the worst defeat in Conservative history in May exploded in a highly charged three-hour debate at Blackpool on the party's future.....

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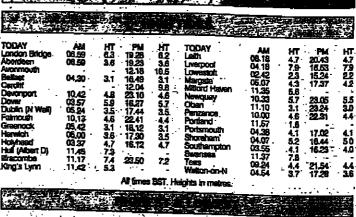
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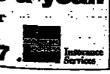
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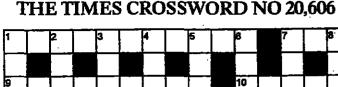
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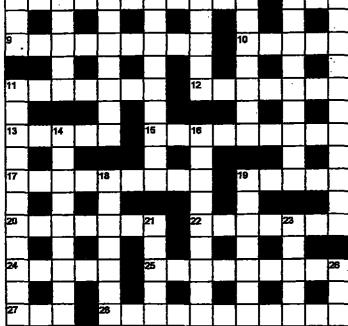




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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9 1997

Brent Walker meets banks on £700m Wm Hill sale

BRENT WALKER, the debt-laden leisure group, will today table proposals for the disposal of the William Hill betting shop chain at a meeting with its banks. A £700 million sale to Nomura, the Japanese bank. is thought to be the favoured option.

Industry sources suggest the company, in conjunction with Close Brothers, its financial adviser, will ask the banks to rubber stamp a sale to Nomura. If the banks accept the proposal, the preferred bidder is expected to be announced on Friday.

ALAN GREENSPAN, the

Chairman of the US Federal

Reserve, stunned Wall Street

vesterday with a terse warn-

ing that the American recovery had been on an unsus-

tainable track and that

further large gains in share prices were unlikely.

The Dow Jones industrial

average plummeted after Mr-

Greenspan's remarks to the House Budget Committee. In

mark Treasury long bond was

European markets were

caught in the severe down-draft from Wall Street leading

to fears that Mr Greenspan

was preparing financial mar-

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down at one stage.

but one source said: "Nomura are convinced they've got it. As long as the banksagree, it's more or less a done deal. Their pockets are certainly deep enough."

A deal with Nomura, which recently

unveiled the £1.2 billion acquisition of Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns, is likely to cause furrowed brows among William Hill management. John Brown, managing director, and his team are known to favour a lower offer from CVC Capital Partners, the venture capital group, and may find themselves suplus to requirements if Nomu-

be announced on Friday.

None of the parties involved would comment ahead of this afternoon's meeting.

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Mr Greenspan said: "A re-

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threat to sustaining what has

parallel in recent decades."

secure this sort of deal, but the difference in the price — reported to be £80 million — and Brent Walker's huge debt mountain will make Nomura's offer difficult to resist. For the board of Brent Walker, led by Sir

Commentary

Brian Goswell, the sale of William Hill will effectively bring down the curtain on the legacy of George Walker, the former boxer who borrowed heavily to build the company into a sprawling empire covering casinos. marinas, hotels, pubs and betting shops.

worked to sell off those assets for the best possible price, and the predicted £700 million from William Hill — added to the £171 million from the sale a year ago of Pubmaster - would leave the final cost to the banks at about £500 million. One analyst said last night: "That is an incredible result when you consider William Hill was probably worth no more than £450 million a year ago. Given that most of the banks will long since have written off the debts, they will be delighted to get so much back. The main beneficiaries are thought to

be Lloyds and Standard Chartered. The price secured for William Hill reflects

the relative turnaround of the betting business over the past couple of years. The launch of the National Lottery spelt disaster for an industry still reeling from the recession and the road back has been a difficult one. A key factor has been the relaxation of the regulatory regime under which the betting industry is controlled. New rules allowing two fruit machines per shop and numbers games such as 49's have

Close Brothers is thought to have received 12 initial bids, which it whittled down to a shortlist of about half a dozen, including Bass, owner of the Coral chain.

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ondon close \$330,65 (\$331.66) denotes midday trading price

Energis generates new data service

ENERGIS, the telecommunications arm of National Grid, said yesterday that it wa planning to develop a high capacity data service for businesses using ordinary electric-ity lines (Raymond Snoddy

The Energis announcement came soon after Nortel, the Canadian telecommunications equipment manufactur-er, and Norweb Communications, part of United Ulilities. announced plans to use electricity wires into the home to provide fast Internet access.

AT&T linked to talk of \$48bn merger in US

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

communications group, is believed to be in merger talks with GTE, a leading local phone company. The deal, worth \$48 billion, would dwarf the \$30 billion WorldCom bid for MCI that is threatening British Tele-com's own \$24 billion MCI

Shares in AT&T and GTE have risen more than 5 per cent this week amid reports that AT&T was looking at GTE to boost its local and Internet capacity. AT&T is also keen to stop the deser-tion of its customers to GTE's new long-distance service. A merger would return to the fold the one million customers lost over the past year, The negotiations are inex-

tricably linked to the succession problem at AT&T, analysts said. Bob Allen, the AT&T chief executive, is keen to leave and Chuck Lee, the GTE chief executive, is a candidate for his

AT&T, the largest US tele- job. Talks between AT&T communications group, is and GTE have been in progress for several months t WorldCom's surprise bid has put pressure on the companies to do a deal.

AT&T fears for its dominant position in the US market because WorldCom-MCI would combine America's main Internet and corporate phone group with the second-biggest residential phone group. WorldCom is keen to

extend its global reach by also bringing BT into the deal as a partner, Bernard. Ebbers, WorldCom's chief executive, spoke to Sir lain Vallance, the BT chairman, on: Friday and yesterday suggested formal talks could get under way. Mr Ebbers has offered BT a 10 per cent stake in the enlarged company in return for its 20 per cent MCI stake.

The WorldCom-MCI deal and a takeover of GTE by AT&T would need regulatory approval.

Echoing his comment last December about "irrational exuberance" in the stock market, which temporarily cooled off the pace of Wall Street's rise, he also said: "It clearly would be unrealistic to look for a continuation of stock market gains of anything like the magnitude of those record-

ed in the past couple of years." been a balanced economic expansion virtually without Continual upward revisions of long-term corporate earnearly afternoon trading, the He highlighted the performance of the US labour market ings expectations had driven price earnings ratios to levels NOI OTTEN ODSERVED AT TIMS S of an economic expansion, Mr was little sign of upward Greenspan added

pressure on wages at the moment, this could change. "If the The Fed has not changed its recent two million plus annual monetary policy since March page of job creation were to 25 when it raised the Federal continue, the pressures on Funds rate by 0.5 per cent, to wages ... could escalate more 5.5 per cent.

Yesterday, Wall Street analysts emphasised the significance of Mr Greenspan's remarks. Elhott Platt, a strategist at DLJ, said: "He alerted the markets to the possibility that the Fed could start tightening rates again. Inflation has not gone away. That is very significant, al-though it could dissipate in a few weeks if new statistics don't back it up."

Robert DiClemente, chief US economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "Greenspan is now recognising that the economy is not growing at a sustainable pace. We can grow rapidly as long as we are absorbing slack, or move at a faster rate of productivity growth. But now we are on a slow collision course with capacity. There is zero fear of inflation in the bond markets." He went on: "He reminded the markets we are growing at our limits. It's the Fed's

ride. To do that Greenspan has put tightening back on to the agenda."
Before the Greenspan comments, the FISE in London stood nearly 40 points higher in early afternoon trading purely in a reaction to Wall Street's overnight gain of 78

role to avoid a rollercoaster

points. There was little trading interest in the start of the twoday meeting of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, which is generally expected to leave base rates unchanged. An announcement will be made today.



H&C FURNISHINGS, the

newly formed furniture group set up by Lord Harris of Peckham, has made an agreed £52 million takeover bid for rival Kingsbury. The move may herald a wave of consolidation in the sector. H&C, formed when Lord

By Fraser Nelson

Harris reversed his Harveys group into Cantors last summer, plans to spend £7 million converting Kingsbury's 80 stores into its own curtains tochairs Harveys format. It then intends to challenge DFS, the furniture group led by Sir Graham Kirkham, for

the position of number two in the market by opening 100 more Harveys stores within four years, taking its nationwide portfolio to 450. Rob Templeman, managing director, said: "The merger puts us at the forefront of the consolidation in the indus-

try which we are going to see

very shortly. The sector will



H&C in agreed £52m bid

Harris: smaller holding

end up with two or three strong brands with a very large market share, and we will be one of these leaders."

After the merger, H&C will command 3.6 per cent of the furniture market, against DFS's 3.8 per cent share. The next largest player is MFI, market leader, which has an 11.7 per cent share. No other company has over 3 per cent.

Lord Harris, whose name dominated the furniture industry in the 1980s, will see his shareholding slip from 10 to 7 per cent after the deal. He has held the £10 million stake since Harveys split from his Harris Queensway in 1986, but remains a non-executive director, concentrating instead on running Carpetright, where he is chairman and

H&C is draining its £13 million cash pile to finance the acquisition. It is offering 37 of its shares for every 51 of Kingsbury's — worth 202p a share at last night's close. There is a 175p a share cash alternative.

H&C shares jumped 244p to 279½p yesterday, as Kingsbury shares gained 26 2p to a nine-month high of 200p. Kingsbury's head office in Northampton will close if the merger goes ahead, with the loss of 100 jobs.

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Sitting comfortably: Robert Templeman, left, managing director, and Gordon Caldwell, finance director, of H&C

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Tricon aims for larger slice | Capel-Cure criticised

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

TRICON, the largest restaurants operator in the UK, wants to expand its Pizza Hur and KFC brands aggressively after its split from Pepsi and separate New York Stock Ex-

change listing. Peter Bassi, the president, said: The UK already has our strongest business in Europe but we still have a long way 10 go. We are very bullish on the UK, with a lot of growth left."

Tricon's 800 UK Pizza Hut and

KFC restaurants places it ahead of McDonald's which has 650 restaurants. Tricon is in a 15-year-old substantial investment. Mr Bassi partnership in the UK- with said: It had nothing to do with Brits



Whitbread, the brewer. Mr Bassi said: "That's our best joint venture worldwide. It has served as a model for operations in other countries."

Tricon is also considering the reintroduction in the UK of the Taco Bell brand, which was phased out in

the early 1990s due to a lack of

substantial investment. Mr Bassi

more work to sell than pizza. Pizza is a more universal concept. We will try again with Taco Bell, but it will take Globally, Tricon has annual sales

of \$20 billion from its 30,000 restaurants in 95 countries. Its 500,000 employees feed pizza, chicken and Mexican food to 25 million customers every day. The company was spun off from Pepsi for \$4.5 billion (£2.7 billion). Andrall Pearson, the chairman, said: "Tricon will be a dynamic competitor in the marketplace with three of the strongest restaurant concpets in the world."

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By CAROLINE MERRELL

broker, faces a public rebuke from the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) over management of part of the Mirror Group pension fund.

A memorandum from the SFA board discloses that CCM, which manages £4.5 billion of client money, breached Securities and Investments Board rules in handling the Mirror Group pension fund. Records "were practically useless for the purpose of . sensibly ascertaining who had custody of the stock", the SFA says.

CCM was one of several companies, including Invesco and Lehman Brothers, ordered to pay a total

CAPEL-CURE MYERS, the stock- of £32 million to Mirror Group pensioners in 1994. The payment followed the death of Robert Maxwell in 1991, and a subsequent legal wrangle about assets of the pension fund. The SFA's memorandum also alludes to a £150,000 fine imposed on CCM by it

> The document also censures Tony Pattison, investment director, claiming that he had overall responsibility

CCM, which is owned by the Canadian Insurance Group, said that the fine had been paid and accounted for. The SFA is expected to make its findings public within two weeks.

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Best practice ruling

to tighten up reports

THE format and nature of the preliminary announcements of company's annual results are to be tightened up if proposed rules, published in an exposure draft today, gain approval. The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has followed up its

The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has followed up its statements on interim reports with the publication of proposals for what it called a "best practice" statement. It suggests preliminary announcements should be published within 60 days of the financial year end. This is likely to meet resistance from finance directors but, as the ASB pointed out, "this timescale is already achieved by many listed companies and should be a realistic if challenging, target".

The proposals would also turn the spotlight on the second half year of a company's performance. Currently preliminary results focus on the results for the full year with the first half having been focused upon in the interim statement. But, as the ASB pointed out, "the market tends to react more particularly to new, previously unreported information about the second half year". As a result the ASB recommends that the final interim period data should

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Business units planned

be separately presented.

Water companies taken to task over dividends

launched a fresh attack on dividend payments yesterday showed companies have paid out more than £6 billion to shareholders over the past

lan Byatt, Director-General at Ofwat, who has regularly attacked water companies payouts to shareholders, said had concerns about whether dividends are sustainable. Demanding more transparency, he said: "Customers and the regulator want to see where dividends are coming from so that we can be satisfied they are justified."

Mr Byatt, who is to set new price controls to start in 2000, said the windfall tax should rebound on dividend payments rather than customers. He said: "This tax should not be borne by customers. In some cases, therefore, this may result in lower utility

THE water regulator dividends than otherwise might be paid."

In real terms dividend payments by water companies have increased 55 per cent since 1992-93. Mr Byatt said: "Dividends from the regulated business should reflect only the cost of capital and the

a proper portion of the benefits of greater efficiency." Capital investment by the

water and sewerage com-panies increased by 22 per cent last year to E3 billion, while operating costs fell by 2 per cent, according to Ofwat figures. But Mr Byatt said that spending on improvements to sewerage had not increased as expected in the past two years. He and the Environment Agency are to investigate com-panies where there is believed to be a shortfall. The gap between expected spending on sewerage improvements and

than £900 million in the past two years, Ofwat said.

Mr Byatt said: "The agency and I intend to discuss these compliance programmes with a number of companies to ensure they have realistic plans to complete the schemes

by the appropriate dates."

The Environment Agency is concerned that deadlines for key directives over sewerage standards could be at risk.

The water regulator held for customers in the next pricing review. He has al-ready said he may consider a one-off price cut to bring down charges after improved efficiencies at water companies. He said: "Many companies are continuing to show that they can become more efficient than I expected, and they are improving services while reducing expenditure in real terms. I will pass onto custom-



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Julian Budd, managing director of Alexandra: "A new, more positive sales culture"

Alexandra back in the black

ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, the supplier of uniforms and protective clothing, is maintain-ing the interim dividend at 2.5p after earning pre-tax profits of £2.2 million in the 28 weeks to August 16, compared with a loss of £609,000 previously, Earnings were 4.2p a share (1.4p

The company, which has undergone extensive restructuring, took a £200,000 charge

against the introduction of a new sourcing operation. There was also a £504,000 loss arising from the termination of an office lease

Julian Budd, who became managing direc-tor in May, said: "A new, more positive sales culture has been adopted and we are taking full advantage of our improved competitive-

THE Government hopes to create more than 2500 jobs THE Government hopes to create more than 2,500 jobs through developing and building business units throughout England. The three-year programme of building new factories and offices and improving existing units will involve a new company set up by English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration agency, and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Under the first phase over one million square feet of industrial and office space will be built in areas of economic need. Schemes are planned in the North and South West regions.

Acquisition at Lloyd's

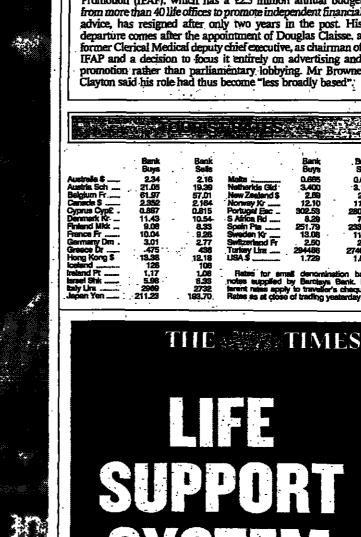
INVESTMENT in Lloyd's of London by US and Bermudan insurance companies has continued with Capital Re, the US specialist insurer, agreeing to buy CI de Rougemont, a small managing agency, for a price to be agreed. Last year, Capital Re bought RGB, another managing agency. De Rougemont runs two syndicates. Its non-marine syndicate 732 will merge with RGB's syndicate 490 for 1998 if approval is given. The deal supersedes arrangements for Limit, the investment trust, and Riverside Underwriters to take stakes in de Rougemont.

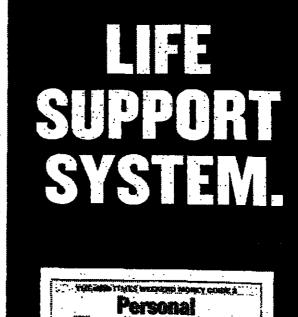
GMB calls for pay body

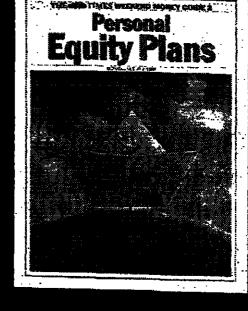
A NEW inspectorate should be set up to enforce the minimum wage, which should be £4 an hour at least, the GMB union urged yesterday. In its submission to the Low Pay Commission the GMB also called for the new statutory rate to be related to training, not age. A lower rate for younger workers could lead to exploitation by unscrupulous employers, said the union. Wages inspectors should have the power to examine payroll records to check that the minimum wage is being paid, the union urged.

IFA advocate resigns

ROBERT BROWNE CLAYTON, chief executive of IFA Promotion (IEAP), which has a £2.5 million annual budget from more than 40 life offices to promote independent financial advice, has resigned after only two years in the post. His departure comes after the appointment of Douglas Claisse, a former Clerical Medical deputy chief executive, as chairman of IFAP and a decision to focus it entirely on advertising and promotion rather than parliamentary lobbying. Mr Browne Clayton said his role had thus become "less broadly based".







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ust when you thought it was Just when you thought it was safe to go outdoors and that the future outline of the communications revolution was starting to clarify—up pops another potentially revolutionary technology. This, we were told yesterday, already exists to ship vast quantities of data, and maybe vast quantities of data, and maybe one day voice telephony, via the luternet into the home, down

ractice ruling

BENEFIT VI

perfectly ordinary electricity wires. Has convergence no limits? It is undoubtedly a remarkable thing for Nortel and Norweb Communications technologists to have done. For years telecoms engineers have looked longingly at electricity wires but until now the noise and the interference on the line has beaten them. But what sort of a business will this latest piece of technical magic turn out to be? It looks like good news for electric utilities, which have a wire into every house in the UK and would appear to have the glimmer of a new revenue stream without great extra cost. It would also seem to be another kick in the teeth for BT and anyone else, such as cable companies which have been hoping to make fast Internet access the unique selling point (USP) they have been so des-perately searching for in vain for

A little caution is required. As James Dodd, telecoms analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, pointed out, telecoms revenues in the UK total £15 billion a year and the Internet only several hundred million at best. The noise on the

handle normal continous telephone calls although the quality of voice transmission on the internet is improving.
When the Norweb Internet sys-

tem is launched nationally it could mean tougher competition for BT in the second line marker. The ability to keep the electricity line to the PC permanently open without facing ruinous charges could be very attractive to Internet users.

Some were already starting to speculate yesterday that Internet access via the electricity com-panies would be so fast and so cheap that a new dangerous monopoly was about to be created. That seems wide of the market, at least at the moment

There will be intense competition from those seeking to offer the most efficient way of linking up to the Internet — with the electricity unitaries forming a list of contenders ranging from orthodox telecommunications companies to digital satellite and cable groups, not to forget Bill Gates and his latest toy Web TV, which will display the internet on television screens with the help of a "black

The competition is good news for consumers. The relatively high



Europe, compared with the US, has been one of the factors limiting the spread of the Internet in countries like the UK. At the very least the impact of providing the internet via electricity wires should over time exercise downward pressure on data communications costs. For consumers and business - and Energis is pursuing similar technology for busi-ness users — it is clearly a case of the more routes to the information future the better.

William Hill enters finishing straight

s the sale of William Hill enters the final furlong, Brent Walker's syndicate of banks must be getting ready to throw their hats in the air. Just a year ago, when a flotation seemed a more likely option, the best estimates of the betting shop chain's worth were around the £450 million mark. This afternoon the banks are expected to be asked to accept an offer of nearer £700 million from Nomura, whose appetite for UK deals has clearly not been sated by the recent £1.2 billion purchase of

Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns. The decision by Sir Brian Goswell, Brent Walker's chairman, and Close Brothers, the company's finanicial adviser, not to rush the sale process has been fully vindicated. Over the past year the bookies have finally started to regain the ground lost to the National Lottery, and William Hill, number two in the market behind Ladbrokes, has seen its value soar.

Although some of that turnaround can be put down to a loosening of the regulatory re-gime by the Government, much of what has been achieved has been the result of a determination by the bookies to work together against the lottery by launching new games, such as 49's, while making betting shops a more attractive environment for punters to visit.

But perhaps Sir Brian's big-gest slice of luck was to hang on to the business long enough for Guy Hands, the innovative Nomura financier, to persuade his bosses of the wisdom of snapping up cash-generative businesses such as pubs and betting shops then securitising the cashflow. As a result, Nomura has shown itself willing to pay top-dollar for what are essentially mature businesses, outbidding more tra-ditional equity deals backed by venture capitalists. Indeed, the Nomura bid for William Hill is understood to have trumped one by CVC Partners.

For the moment it appears that Mr Hands can do no wrong, but the question many City financiers are beginning to ask themselves is: Can he succeed? The last thing we need is another

But these are not issues that need trouble either the Brent

Walker board or the banks. Their main concern is to make as big a dent as possible in the company's estimated £1.2 billion debt mountain, and £700 million for William Hill would leave a final bill of just £500 million for Brent Walker.

Not bad considering devastation left behind George Walker.

Escape from Canary Wharf?

Short-termism, that heinous City trait, might not taint the thinking of City prac-titioners so badly when their own fortunes are at stake rather than those of their clients. The pronise of guaranteed bonuses for senior BZW staff prepared to hang around long enough to find out who their new masters will be was a blatant appeal to shorttermist instincts. But there are signs that the ploy may not prove

entirely successful. Faced with the choice of a cash handout coupled with a plunge into the unknown or a comfortable desk with a leading player, BZW chaps are apparently being tempted to quit. That may mean sacrificing one bonus but there

escape from Canary Wharf.
Few would envy Martin Taylor the task of selling a business when its assets are evaporating but it would have been hard to do any other way. Once the decision to back out of investment banking was taken, stitching up a neat deal on the quiet would have been very tricky. Any purchasers would have insisted on carrying out due diligence, and would have been spotted, adding to the

will surely be another ahead

uncertainties at BZW. The good news for Mr Taylor is that there appears to be no shortage of potential purchasers. Assuming that the due diligence does not reveal any black holes, the price could bid up nicely.

The Europeans are apparently making the running — Com-merzbank and Paribas, while Credit Suisse First Boston, thought a front runner, rubs shoulders with BZW at Canary Wharf. Survivors may yet remain in their eastern confines.

Appetite lost

EARLIER this week, Gerald Abraham of Group Chez Gérard announced his expansion plans and declared that Britain was in for an unprecedented feast. Now we hear that the almighty PepsiCo is to splatter our high streets with yet more Pizza Huts and Kentucky Fried Chicken Shacks. This seems an outright contradiction of the early good

Young finds N Brown suits them

By Sarah Cunningham

N BROWN, the mail-order group best known for serving the needs of the middle aged and the outsized, has sharply increased its sales to younger

First-half turnover was up by 18.9 per cent, to £156.2 million, with sales to people in their thirties and forties up by 29 per cent, to £28 million. People in their mid-forties to sixties spent Eli2 million, a rise of 15 per cent, while sales to older customers were up by 22 per cent, to £8 million.

said that he was "not actively thinking about" whether N. Brown should make a second bid for Freemans if the Industry hars Littlewoods from buying it. "We'd look at anything, but we have excellent strategies for organic

N Brown withdrew an offer to Sears for Freemans after disagreement over price, clearing the way for Littlewoods to come back with a second offer that is now before the competition

Goldsmiths

hit by

Rolex rise

By Sarah Cunningham

GOLDSMITHS, the jewellers

run by Jurek Piasecki, went into the red in the first half because of high expansion

costs and a sharp rise in the

branches in the first half and

will open a further nine in the

next month. It plans another

20 next year and the same

number the year after. Trading profit was sharply

lower after Rolex, a key brand, pushed prices higher leading to a sales rush in July 1996 that

was not repeated this year.

In the six months to August

2, there was a pre-tax loss of

£305,000, compared with a

£54,000 profit a year ago. But

the interim dividend, payable

December 15, is increased by

14.6 per cent, to 2.75p per

cost of Rolex watches. The company opened six authorities. A decision is expected within the next month. N Brown's pre-tax profit in the six months to August 30 was 12.4 per cent higher, at £18 million. The interim dividend, payable on January 6, rises to 2.25p (2p) out of earnings up 14.7 per cent to 8.43p.

Margins were under pres-sure as spending on recruiting customers, delivering by courier and installing new operating systems rose in the first half. The company is aiming for

the men's outsized branded Jim Martin, chief executive, market with a new catalogue named Trading Post. It offers men's clothes such as Wrangler with a waist size of up to 66 inches and Kickers shoes in which the company is seeking to expand is children's wear.

Mr Martin said that he was not unduly concerned about the entry of Marks & Spencer into mail order next spring because it is slightly upmarket of N Brown's catalogues. "I think it will add a level of interest and be good for con-sumers," he said.

Buyout

at United

Overseas

By Fraser Nelson UNITED OVERSEAS, the

newly floated company that

sells end-of-stock kitchen-

ware, toys and toiletries has

bought out five of its join

Woolworths and Asda.

tive, said the company would

be able to use the £20 million

it raised on flotation to buy

out the partners in its remain-

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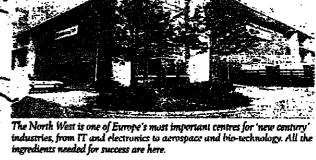
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made us all very rich." he share. Same store sales were said. Its shares were un-5.6 per cent in the first half, or changed at 924 p. 9.9 per cent excluding Rolex. **GGT London arm** in 'critical' merger

By CHRIS AYRES

GGT, the advertising com-pany which bought BDDP, its French rival, for £96 million in April is set to create one of London's biggest agencies later this month.

The company plans to merge its London operations, GGT Advertising, with BST, the agency in which BDDP holds a 50.5 per cent stake. The move will involve GGT paying £2 million for the remaining 49.5 per cent stake held by BST's founders, John Sharkey

and Paul Bainsfair. The new agency, called BDDP GGT, will have com-bined billings of about £230

million and will share clients such as the BBC, Cadbury. Thomas Cook and Heinz Greenlees, GGT chairman and chief executive. said: "This is a critical merge and we have put a lot of effort into seeing it through."

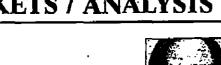
GGT estimates that the deal will save up to £300,000 by transfering BST's 60 staff to its headquarters in Soho, and ending the lease on BST's former premises. Mr Sharkey and Mr chairmen of BDDP GGT, with Grant Duncan, previously head of GGT Advertising, becoming managing director.

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Greenspan torpedoes New York and London

THE broadside on American financial markets by Alan Greenspan. Federal Reserve Chairman, sent share prices on both sides of the pond

In London, investors and traders alike were sent scurrying for cover as the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 115 points in early trading. The FTSE 100 index responded with a 131.4 turnaround, as share prices saw an early gain of 61 points, that carried them towards their record highs, wiped out. Government bonds also fell

The index was able to reduce some of the fall to end 43.5 down at 5,262.1 as total turnover reached 955 million

This time Greenspan has rocked the market by claiming that the bull run may be coming to an end. He warned the house budget committee that labour costs were set to rise and the economy was on "unsustainable tack". It was unrealistic to expect the gains achieved over the past two years to continue.

This is the third time during the past year that the Fed Chairman has stepped into the financial markets to put the record straight. Earlier this year, he knocked share prices for six on Wall Street by warning of "irrational over-exuberance".

British Aerospace came off its all-time high with a fall of 50'2p to £17.41'2. The shares have been a firm market on revived talk of a merger with GEC, 12¹2p off at 390¹2p. Merrill Lynch, the broker, has reduced its recommendation on BAe from "buy" to "accu-mulate". It says bid talk may be a bit premature. Rival ABN Amro Hoare Govett is also said to be taking a more cautious stance on the shares.

Wolseley was a strong market, jumping 21p to 534p. Brokers say the builders merchant is a "chart buy".

Cable & Wireless came off the boil, falling 17p to 55712p shares as brokers began tak-ing the view that the group's strategy for gaining a toehold in the Chinese telecom market had suffered a setback.

launched a \$30 billion counterbid for MCI, says it



Support from George Soros raised African Lakes 7p

wants all three parties to sit round the table and resolve the matter. A further 37

million BT shares had changed hands by the close. The oil sector got off to a flying start with Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, reckoned to be a big buyer of BP. The price touched 94912p before reversing, along with the rest of the market, to finish 13p down at

FULLY VALUED

926p as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson turned bearish of the oil price. Shell was also 1012p cheaper at 47212p, but Enterprise Oil put on 6p at 6941 zp. Lasmo was 212p firmer at 28412p as it played host to a party of analysts on a visit to the group's Italian operations.

Ladbroke rose 10p to 30112p - its highest level since 1989 amid growing hopes that it may win the management

LEADING RETAILERS LOOKING

Marks & Spencer fell a further 14p to 633½p — stretching the loss of the past two days to 30 2p having reached a new peak earlier in the week. A number of brokers are taking the view that M&S and

known high street names are looking fully valued. Richard Ratner at Meestime of it during August

al weather which has kept people out of the shops and

prolonged the summer sea

son. "In my opinion none of

the FTSE retailers are a

buy. They are all overvalued," he added. Nick Bubb, at rival Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, is inclined to agree. at 907p, M&S, Great Universal Stores, 3½p off at 715p. and Next, 122p better

752p, are fully valued. Instead, they both look the likes of Allied Carpets, steady at 2482p, and Carpetright 74p better at 555p, rated as the best

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Stock shortages continued to push Reckitt & Colman 1612p better at £10.2612 after positive comments from NatWest Securities, the broker, earlier this week rating the shares a "buy".

Billionaire financier George Soros is throwing weight behind a rescue package for African Lakes Corporation. The troubled agricultural and mining group is raising £13.4 million via a placing and open offer at 40p. Soros Fund Management among the companies taking up the new shares. African Lakes responded with a rise of

7p at 65¹₂p. The property sector contin-ued to respond to positive brokers. Capital Shopping rose 1312p to 444p, Chelsbield 130 to 373p, Daejan Holdings 20p to £15.65, Grantchester 812p to 16812p, Peel Holdings

15p to 631 2p and Pillar Prop-erty 13p to 281 2p. The agreed bid from H&C Furnishings lifted Kingsbury Group 26¹2p to 200p. The value Kingsbury at E47.6 million, or 185p a share. H&C was also left sporting a rise of 241 zp at 2791 zp.

Capital Radio jumped 2412p to 512p after Neil Blackley at Merrill Lynch, the broker, told clients that advertising revenue was continuing to grow and the shares were

Norhain rose 612p to 349p after resolving its differences with Dedicated Micros, one of GILT-EDGED: Alan Greenpan's comments rounded off a gloomy peformance by bonds. They closed at their low for the day, nursing falls

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Soft furnishings

properties capable of generating some 3.400 flats.

The current London hous-

ing boom is being fed by hot

money, a combination of City

bonuses and Far Eastern

speculators evidenced by the

bizarre queues that formed to buy flats in the Shell building. If Frogmore is cute it would do well to sell much of its

London stock quickly next

MORE FROG THAN PRINCE

THINK of furniture and try to come up with half a dozen big volume brands. A few names might spring to mind - MFI. Ikea, DFS - but you would be hard pressed to list many more. This is the problem facing H&C, an ambitious young furniture company that yesterday bid £47 million for Kingsbury, a smaller rival. The two operations combined will have turnover of about £250 million but that will be enough to push H&C's brand, Harveys, into the number three slot, after MFI and DFS, with a market share of 7 per cent.

If Harveys is not a household name today, H&C has every intention that it will become so but it will not be an easy task. Investment in advertising will rise 50 per cent, but even then the marketing spend will fall well short of the sums spent by DFS which earns an operating margin of 16 per cent compared with the lowly

5-6 per cent at Harveys. H&C is paying a very full price for Kingsbury whose profits col-lapsed in the first half after a less than successful venture into interest-free credit. Closing down the head office and combining supply and marketing spend should make healthy savings but the big challenge will be to boost sales per square foot which is not much above £100 in both Harveys and Kingsbury compared with £300 plus for Ikea and DFS.

Furniture is probably the worst-sold consumer product, a factor that allows brilliant marketeers like DFS and Ikea to make hay. while more than half of the market remains with small independent shops. If H&C can turn Harveys into a well-recognised furniture brand, this deal will soon look cheap but creating brands is a lot more difficult than buying companies.

year, and make some good

profits. Unfortunately, it has little else of value in the

books. Its commercial port-

folio showed no growth over

the past year, a period in which good retail and office

properties enjoyed hand-

some rent increases. At best,

Frogmore is a good in-an-out

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Would you buy a share in a hybrid housebuilder/property company heavily invested in posh central London flats. After a look at yesterday's shaky gilt market you might think twice.

Mr Alan Greenspan's worries about share valuations on Wall Street may have little to do with the diminutive Frogmore Estates but interest in seeing the pot simmer for another year or two. Frogmore is a trader and one that deverly invested in office to residential conversions, backing Galliard Homes, the developer, first at County Hall, then next door at the former Shell building. The company has a big development underway further downstream on the Thames at Butler's Wharf

Contracting

and a portfolio of land and

FEW builders will admit to being in the traditional contracting business these days. After the collapse of the commercial building market and government cutbacks in infrastructure spend, build-ers saw their slim margins, collapse to nil. So, belatedly, they fled the market, either rushing abroad to underbid for glitzy construction projects or, more profitably, into domestic housing. For those remaining, the buzzis negotiation and partnering with clients. In-stead of bidding low in hard fought tenders and then suruns, the new customerfriendly contractor seeks an

client money.

It all sounds super but despite claims by all the builders that they avoid com-

petitive tenders, the margins are not coming through. Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow, Costainand Mowlem are all

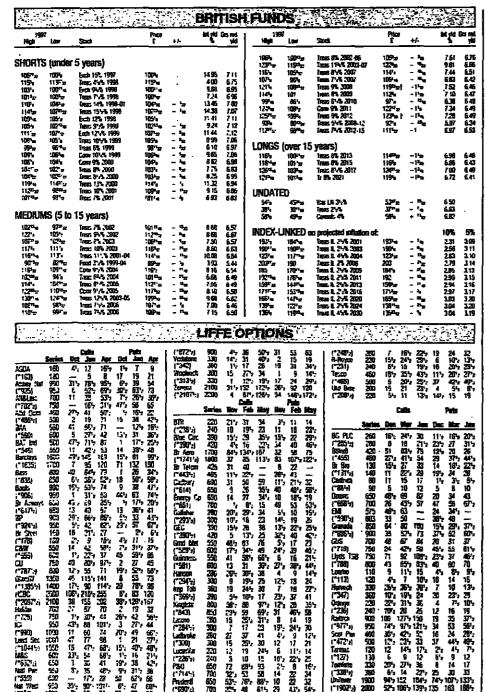
reporting margins from con-tracting of about 1 per cent. However, one company consistently reports much better margins. Morrison Construction is earning a 5.8 per cent return from its building business, a level of profitability that is almost unheard of in the sector. The problem for most builders is that in partnership deals the contractor must take on some of the project's risk: pricing risk is not a skill in which builders have traditionally shown a great deal of compe-

the mail order premier league. N Brown's failure to secure promotion by buying either Littlewoods or Freemans has left its many fans perplexed. On the one hand,

Brown has the managerial skill to run either of these underperforming giants. On the other hand, taking on the task would have stretched resources, led to a rights issue and dilution, and forced Brown to take on much greater commercial risks. Yesterday's results, with a 19 per cent rise in turnover, showed that N Brown is still capable of generating growth in its own sales. And even though the second half started off. quietly, it should still deliver double digit growth for the year as a whole.

A teaser for investors would be the prospect of the DTI turning down the current ue even if it carries on paddling

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illiam Hague, rallying his troops to march forward, has told them that it is time to stop apologising. You mean that's it, so soon?

By complete coincidence, John Prescott has just activated a review of pit towns and villages across the North and Midlands devastated by the 1992-93 mass closures of coal mines. This will remind voters of what Tony Blair would doubt-less call a "defining moment" in

the last Government.
The tactical decision to downsize coal fast to aid privatisation. showed that, even in Michael Heseltine's hands, the Government had lost its way economically and politically. As many seats may have been lost then as by the later London hospital closures.

The pits probably had to go. The question, as so often, was how to manage the painful side of market forces to minimise the impact on people, to inject new life to stop a downward spiral in the local economy and to avoid another permanent boost to welfare spending. The Government and British

Pension policies to apologise about

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Steel had a good try at managing the steel closures of the early 1980s. A toolbox of regeneration was developed to later use.

By the 1990s, however, government had become more arrogant. Dry logic became the driving force, the unpopularity earned by making "hard choices" became a battle honour and the immediate interests of ordinary people were

no more than a detail.

If leading Tories do not want to apologise about their declining years in government, that is their business. More worrying to most of us is how fast a caring, voteobsessed new Labour Government

is falling into the same trap. One area is transport. On theoretical grounds, ministers and their advisers wish to harry and tax car-owners more. Little care is given to millions of low-income families who are the marginal motorists. If anyone is priced out of

the market it will be them. Yet in many cases, they enjoy the greatest proportionate gain to living standards by having a car.

The worst danger zone is a Treasury full of radical zeal but largely empty of down-to-earth experience in its economic policymaking. So it is worrying that Gordon Brown is determined to make hard choices in tax and welfare, with the help of bighearted humanitarians such as Barclays's Martin Taylor.

Mr Brown's first intervention in pensions was to withdraw E5 billion a year from the funds and claim that this was a healthy adjustment to company taxation. Companies will stump up most of any missing money to guarantee schemes with defined benefits. But millions with personal or moneypurchases pensions will lose per-haps £1 billion a year in future pensions, and that annual cut will



double or treble as companies adjust to a harsher tax regime. Leading life assurers calculate that neither they, nor independent consultants, can safely advise anyone to contract out of the unfunded and fiscally ruinous State Earn-Pension Scheme (Serps) and longer. If they did, they again. Indeed, on official figures,

people contracted out of Serps into money-purchase pensions should go back in, doubling the numbers covered. That would be a disaster for government finances. Already, the basic state pension is being held back to pay for the sharply rising Serps bill. And the object of policy is for everyone to have a funded secondary pension.

Using government actuarial projections rise, the Budget raid will cut projected returns in private pension schemes below returns in Serps. The official projected return of 3% per cent after inflation is, to be sure, pessimistic. It is at the bottom of the range of illustrated returns that pension providers have to give to potential buyers. Any competent UK pension fund, even if cautious, should have earned double that over the past five years.

Maybe the Government Actuary

help out the Treasury. Maybe the Department of Social Security will have to dole out a further £500 million a year in rebates to make the sums work. No-one seems to have thought of such practical problems when Mr Brown pursued dubious academic arguments against dividends in his Budget.

Once the DSS tries to reform pensions, millions of ordinary The Tories wanted to convert Serps into a funded scheme, investment like a normal pension fund. But they found it was uneconomic to do so, so Peter Lilley dreamt up the idea of privatising the state pension along with Serps in one big taxpayer-

guaranteed package. Labour's proposed second-tier pension, codenamed the stakethan Serps but did not sound too

promising even before Gordon Brown cut returns. Unless the Government Actuary is brainwashed by positive thinkers, or the funds are invested at higher risk than normal private funds, it is likely to offer lousy returns. No wonder the idea of compulsion, first put forward by those suspicious of bad employers, is gaining ground. If it is not worth doing, make it compulsory.

Once that is done, the smarty kids at the Treasury can have a field day. No longer will there be any need to make contributions tax-free. If that hurts third-tier The trouble is that higher costs and lower returns are not just a matter of incentives. They will cut the pensions people live on in retirement, undermining the purpose of bringing in those who now to be forced into a bad deal

Unless the arrogance of those who know what is good for us is curbed, Labour's hard choosers will soon have built up plenty to apologise about.

Foundation and Pak-Arab

Finery Co. a Karachi petro-leum company, to fund the

thing. He will not say how much he was pledging, but the

exhibition runs for six months

and then transfers to Edin-

burgh, so you can guess it was

a fair bit. "It's something I

believe in. I'm in the business

of taking risks," says Askari -

although not usually with his

own money, it must be said.

ABN Amro is keen to expand

into retail banking in Paki-

stan, which explains its inter-

est in the project.

And The English Patient?

Well, the other backer is the

Ondaatje family, because

Christopher, the brother of au-

thor Michael, is one of the

world experts on the history of

the Pakistani province of Sind,

and in particular the time

spent there during his forma-

tive years by Richard Burton.

the explorer, which influenced

his views on the Islamic

world. You do live and learn.

don't you?

Indian fiefdom presents growing challenge for Western companies

Carl Mortished on why a firm in

Gujarat is expanding fast while competitors in the West contract

recently took two executives from a wellknown debt rating agency on a flying visit to the Hazira petrochemical plant in the Indian state of Gujarat. Mr Panikar is in charge of capital markets for Reliance Industries and one of his jobs is to explain to the world's investment community why they should pay attention to an Indian chemical and textile company. Not always an easy task. When the helicopter arrived at Hazira — avoiding a bumpy five hour car journey. - the slightly jittery guests found themselves inspecting the world's largest single petrochemicals complex.

But Mr Panikar reckons their understanding of the they found qualified engineers staring at the screens in the control room. "If you visit a plant in the United States, it will be staffed by operators. which is fine until something goes wrong," he explains. Reliance is India's largest

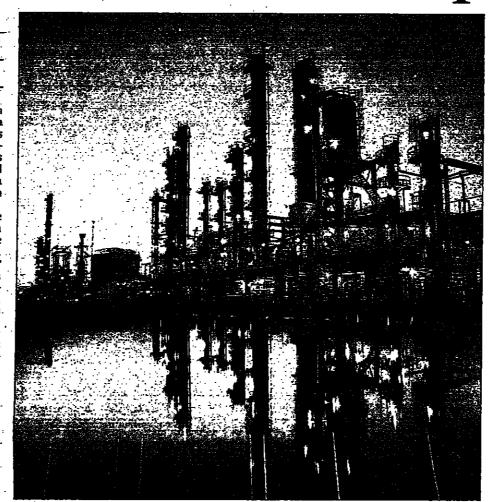
company with a market value of \$4.6 billion. Profits last year from its interests in textiles, polyester, polymers and petrochemicals totalled \$360 million (£225 million) before tax. Returns have grown 60 per cent since 1990, a period in ICI has seen its profitability hammered by competitive pressures, finally leading to a wholesale withdrawal from commodity chemicals. By contrast. Reliance is mushrooming, raising \$800 million from Western capital in the past two years to help to finance a \$3 billion increase in capacity. In a year the Hazira facility's petrochemical capacity has grown from 1.5 million tonnes per annum to 6 million tonnes. Further north at Jamnagar. the company is building the power, transport and com-

world's largest single-stream grassroots refinery with a capacity of 15 million tonnes per annum. Costing \$2.5 bil-lion, it will produce feedstocks for Reliance petrochemical plants, petroleum coke for a plant and other fuels.

Mr Panikar jokes about the different culture of Western companies and Reliance: "We employ over 3,000 engineers. They are run by accountants." The difference is crucial in other ways. As ageing industrial giants in the Anglo-Saxon world spin off whole divisions in an effort to achieve "focus", Reliance is moving into new areas. While the North American petrochemical industry fragments into specialist refiners and petrochemical operators such as Tosco and Huntsman, India is creating its own vertically integrated energy, chemical and textile

Reliance has interests in three power plants producing 1,000 megawatts, it owns deepwater ports and has extended its reach upstream into off-shore oil and gas in a venture with Enron and ONGC, the Indian state oil company. Even a telecommunications arm is on the way. A partnership with Nynex has a basic telecoms licence for Gujarat and a mobile phone licence for

Calcutta. Such an agenda and rate of expansion would look mad in a UK company and would probably lead to a share price collapse. At the very least, analysis would call for a demerger. For Reliance, however, vertical integration is sensible. According to Mr Panikar it is about securing feedstocks and building captive infrastructure. In India's growing economy the state is unable to provide things like



The Hazira facility in Gujerat, the world's largest single petrochemicals complex

money is very important."

munications. An early investment is less expensive, he explains, and in the long term ports or power stations can be soun-off at a profit.

Reliance is following a pattern familiar in Asia. It is essentially a family fieldom. Founded as a textile mill in the 1960s by Dhirubhai Ambani. management is now in the hands of his sons and a string of highly-educated lieutenants. Flotation has diluted the family interest to 26 per cent, a factor that reassures international investors who own about a fifth of the equity, which is listed on the American stock exchange.

Family control instils loyalty, the key to the running of

Asian businesses, but at the ic fibre accounted for just 18 heart of Reliance is its control per cent of fabric production in 1986 but now exceeds 28 per of the polyester fibre market in India. Introduced to India by cent and by 2000 Reliance expects polyester and blended ICI, polyester went nowhere fast, crippled by the high tabrics to make up half of total fabric production. excise duty imposed by India's Polyester is a powerhouse socialist leaders, who were keen to protect cotton. The

for Reliance - its domestic Ambani family saw an oppormarket share in fibre is 41 per tunity. It was seen as a rich cent with a 55 per cent share in person's product," explains the raw material, PTA. Import Mr Panikar. "There was a tariffs protect Reliance but it is clear preference for polyester hardly inefficient. Investment because the fabric lasted longin state-of-the-art plant using er and creased less but, for the technology licensed from Du Indian middle class, value for Pont gives Reliance a capital cost, for each tonne of polyes-Reliance lobbied the Govter produced, 25 to 30 per cent below its rivals in Korea. ernment intensively, arguing China, Indonesia and Taiwan. that lower taxes would stimu-Such low costs, combined -late consumption. The synthet-

engineers desperate for work (employee costs account for less than 5 per cent of sales), provides Reliance with a margin of more than 20 per cent. No Western producer would dare dream of achieving such a level of profitability but its real importance to Reliance long term is as a cushion should regional competitors begin to muscle in. This cushion is generating

the cashflow that has enabled Reliance to finance its stupendous growth with access to Western capital markets, issuing Yankee bonds and, in July, its first sterling eurobond, raising £150 million. Still, the culture conflict

ves Mr Panikar a headache. Reliance is following a pattern set by Far Eastern chemicals giants; such as Formosa Plastics, which owns the entire production chain from chemical feedstocks to consumer products. While Western investors love the Reliance profits, they apparently jib at the reinvestment in upstream oil and gas and now telecoms. preferring the comfort of a big dividend payout. "Today's buzzwords are economic value added and free cashflow." Mr problem with the first, every investment we make is meaagainst cost capital."But when it comes to deployment of cashflow, Reliance sees every reason to

In India, as elsewhere in Asia, it makes little sense to return cash to shareholders. For those with both capital and connections the opportunities to invest in basic industries and services are enormous but the prize will not be there for long and speed is of the essence. The Ambanis of India, like the Wangs of Taiwan or Salims of Indonesia, are rapidly becoming the region's Rockefellers and Du Ponts. Expanding their empires like topsy, they could overstretch but the likelihood is that they will thrive. They are a force that Western companies must reckon with.

Colour blind

ORANGE has finally reached a decision on a rather sensi-tive, not to say potentially perilous, problem. The mobile telephone operator has decided to launch a service in Northern Ireland under its main brand name. This should go down a bundle in at least half the province, Orange being the colour associated there with the loyalist cause. It could prove less popular in the other half.

Orange said yesterday it was researching "any sensitivities there may be as to how we market the Orange brand and the wire-free service to customers in Northern Ireland". The company has, however, decided that Orange is its national and international brand and will be used as such. Say it loud, I'm Orange and I'm proud, although not in too many bars in West Belfast, perhaps. But pride only goes so far. There will be no widespread use of the company's snappy catchphrase "The Future Is Bright. The Future Is Orange."

 ADVERTISING agencies have become tired of all those lampoons about their silly names — Bluespex, Bowtie, Bowtie and Freelunch, that was always my favourite. No such levity from GGT, once known as Gold Greenlees & Trott even though the Gold and the Trott bits got lost one day on the way home from one of those lunches. GGT is merging its two London agencies. GGT Advertising and BST.BDDP. Out goes BST. to avoid confusion with British Summer Time, or perhaps mad cow disease. The new entity is the snappily titled BDDP GGT. Try saying it quickly. It can't be done, can it? Now try saying it quickly several hundred times, and spare some thought for the poor switchboard operators.

Show time

FIND the link between The English Patient, an exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum opening today of cos-tumes and textiles from Pakistan, and BZW, I forgive you for giving up. The exhibi-tion, of 150 beautiful pieces, which date from the 1850s to the present day, would not have taken place but for the enterprise of Hasan Askari, a BZW managing director of investment banking.

He personally guaranteed the display before lining up ABN Amro Bank, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Bestway



Your mother's on

• "CAREER Change. Evening seminars for fast-track professionals." I quote from an advertisment in the Financial Times. Careers offered in information technology, and vour opportunity to embark on a completely new career within a leading merchant bank". And we have all guessed which one, haven't we? "You will hear about BZW, careers in technology and about specific opportunities, direci from the BZW team." Normal life goes on, then. Just don't ask who will be paying your wages in six

Big picture

months time.

IF YOU are an aficionado of modern art and feel a big impulse purchase coming on, then head for the sixth Singer and Friedlander Company Investor Show for today's charity auction, to be held at the end of play. Up for sale is a por-trait of a golf links especially painted by Bethan, a student at the Slade. (Yes, just Bethan - the Artist Known Only As Bethan, I suppose). All part of a theme - Clubhaus, the golf club operator, has created a putting green on its stand too. Something worries me about the auction, though. The work is an abstract, so how do they know it is of a golf links? And a word of warning for the buyer. You will need big walls. The work is 60 feet wide. Or you could put it on the floor and play golf on it.

MARTIN WALLER

Why shouldn't workers be capitalists?

invest in the stock of one of three US airlines: Delta, American or United. Where do you place your money? Delta and United have lean, tough managers keen on down-sizing and down-waging and will cut 12,000 jobs by the end of 1996. United in contrast, will increase its workforce by more than 1,000 to 80,000 and has taken the unusual step, by the stan-dards of Wall Street, of putting union nominees on its board of directors.

But it is United which is the stock market darling. Your \$10,000 of Uni-ied stock is now worth \$36,000, nearly 50 per cent more than if you had bought Delta or American shares. US investors are waking up to capitalism's latest contradiction. Companies owned by employees are star turns on Wall Street. United Airlines, the US's fourth-biggest carrier, joined the grow**Denis MacShane** says that employee share ownership in

the form of the Esop can improve company performance

ing number of Esop (employee share ownership plan) companies in 1994. Eleven million working Americans are now part-owners of more than 10,000 companies. Surveys show employee-owned firms outperforming their rivals on Dow Jones and the other US stock market indices. Employee ownership can be found in the new economy firms of California as well as Pennsylvania steel companies. One of the most successful Esops is a chain of carers' agencies that has taken black, single mothers off welfare in Boston and New York and trained

allow the succession problem in small and medium-sized firms to be solved. Firms built up by their owners or in the hands of families face a problem when the founder or the chief stockholder dies and the next generation has no interest in keeping the firm alive. Alternatively the founder wants to take his money out to enjoy a well-padded retirement. Often the only answer is a quick sale to a competitor whose main interest will be to asset strip or to rationalise market share. In both cases, employees, their communities and the wealth-creating potential of the firm suffer. An Esop in which A big advantage of Esops is that they employees put in their own capital

the Esop turns the old order of 19th century capitalism on its head. Instead of capital hiring labour, employees use capital. The main trade comes in the form of holding back on wage increases in order to guarantee cashflow. US unions were suspicious of Esops

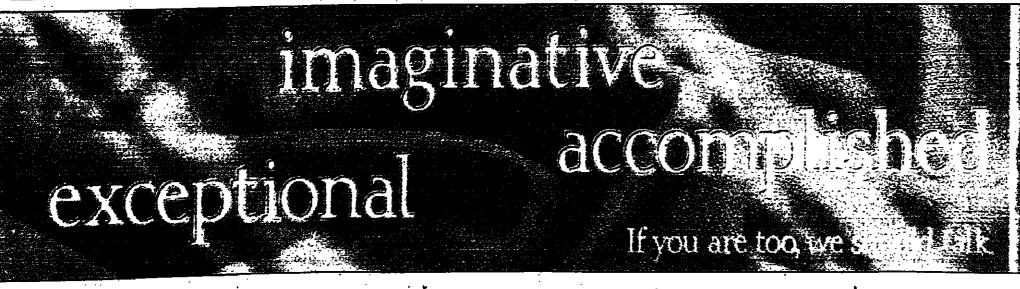
in the past because of the wage standstill implications, but now accept that saving jobs and growing a company is good news for workers. In addition, US tax law allows Esops to borrow money with generous tax

Paul Volcker, the legendary inflation-busting head of the US Federal on the United Airlines board. But even he confesses that the input from union nominated board members is helping United to improve customer service and profits.

In Britain, the Esop movement is growing, but nowhere near as robustly as in the US. Other forms of employeeownership such as the John Lewis partnership exist alongside the Cooperative Bank. But the City prefers the rapacities of Stagecoach or RIB mining, classic forms of predatory 19th century ownership.

However, as nations quit state ownership, they are finding it hard to build capitalism without capital or capitalists. Esops offer a third way.

Denis MacShane is Labour MP for Rotherham and is currently writing a book on employee ownership.





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Turnover falls 10%

Time Products, the luxury goods group that distributes watches, yesterday blamed a 10 per cent fall, to £43.3 million. in its interim turnover on an exception-al, one-off individual purchase last year.

at Time

The company, which also supplies Sekonda watches, the biggest selling brand in the UK, has seen its share price plunge since describing last year's sales of £48.3 million as unusually high. Confidence in the group has also been depleted by the failure to make a profit again on the Judith Leiber handbag business that it purchased four years ago.

Leslie Michaels, finance director, said: "If you look at our results on a five-year basis we are having a boom. We just had exceptional sales last year." He admitted the company had not previously experienced a similar one-off surge in

In spite of the fall in sales. Time lifted pre-tax profits by 10 per cent, from £9 million to £9.9 million, in the six months to July 31. The company said that it had benefited from a one-off £1.6 million profit from selling its former head office Earnings per share increased from 11.29p to 12.43p, and a dividend of 4.9p. up frac-tionally from 4.5p. will be paid on January 9. The shares closed 8p down yesterday, at 260¹2p.

Losses deepen at Bolton FC

Burnden Leisure, the par-ent company of Bolton Wonderers, the Premier-ship football club, reported a rise in pre-tax losses to £4 million, from £2.2 million. in the 14 months to June million, compared with £4.8 million in the previous period. Losses per share deepened from 7.57p to 9.12p. A dividend of 0.5p will be paid on January 31.

The company said that it had invested more than £30 million on developing its new 25,000-seater stadium, which is sponsored by Reebok, the sportswear has also recently spent £3.5 million on improving its squad of players.



THE last big plank in the British Airways disposal programme fell into place yesterday when the airline clinched the sale of its in-flight Heath-

row catering division, pledg-ing to protect perks and jobs. Gate Gourmet, part of the SAirGroup, which owns Swissair, is paying £65 million for BA's catering arm, which employs 1,200 people in the long-haul catering side, pro-ducing about 25,000 meals a day. Short-haul catering produces the same output again under a management contract that was awarded to Gate in

Gate will supply BA flights under a ten-year supply contract, subject to final negotiation. The deal largely completes the recent round of disposals by BA, which is seeking £1 billion in annual savings under its business efficiency programme.

Intertech takeover makes CRT top in computer staffing

By Fraser Nelson

CRT, the recruitment and training company, has become the largest player in Britain's fast-growing market for contract computer staff with the £10.8 million takeover of the rival Intertech Computer Consultants.

CRT, which has been growing by 20 per cent a year on an underlying basis, will overtake Delphi to become market leader, with expected sales of £190 million for this year. MSB will be forced into third place.

Dennis Lynscott and Jess Jaworski, two former computer programers who set up Intertech ten years ago, will



Chapman: takeover fund

£2 million in CRT shares. Both will stay with the company. Carl Chapman, chief execu-

tive of CRT, played down the expected work to come from the millennium computer bug, which, he said, has so far accounted for a minimal proportion of sales.

The Year 2000 problem is an upward blip on an upward trend," he said. "The computer market is going to see steady growth over the next few vears, but not an astronomical surge that some people are predicting.

Even after buying Intertech. CRT will have £45 million in its acquisition warchest, Mr Chapman said.

The acquisition takes CRT into the Internet programing market, adding to its existing presence in finding staff to work old-style mainframe computer systems. Both Intertech offices will be shut, bringing an overall exceptional charge of £400,000.

Analysts upgraded CRT profit forecasts slightly to £20.6 million in this financial year, against £12.1 million last

Intertech has about 450 computer and other staff placed at CRT's group total of 5,500. Computer recuitment will now be 77 per cent of group sales.

BA is struggling to restore morale in the wake of this summer's damaging industrial action by cabin crew, and was eager to stress the human Bob Ayling, the BA chief executive, said: "I am particularly pleased that we were able to sell the catering operation to a first-class employer like SAirGroup. We had a lot of interest, but one of the key issues for us was that the purchaser should be a com-

ation for employment."
Up to 9,000 BA ground staff threatened to strike over plans to sell catering, fearing a knock-on effect in pay cuts and job losses. Catering workers feared that they would lose their generous travel perks — including discounts of up to 90 per cent on flights — and were concerned that a new employer would bring longer hours and lower pay. BA initially pledged to safe-

pany with a first-class reput-

guard jobs, pay and discounts for up to three years after the division had been sold, and later sweetened the offer.

BA has denied seeking to turn itself into a "virtual airline" by parcelling out various parts of its operation to outside contractors. In recent months BA has sold ground fleet services to Ryder, outsourced its IT operations, and streamlined its engineering division, selling wheels and brakes, and landing gear.

BA had intended to spin-off engineering and sell a stake in the business to outside investors, but decided to postpone the move until 2000. BA's Heathrow contract-handling unit was closed last year, with the loss of 750 jobs.

Contenders for the catering

division included Alpha Airports Group, which handles BA catering at other airports in the United Kingdom, including Gatwick. Other potential buyers included LSG Sky Chefs, the world's largest inflight caterer.

Gate Gourmet already serves BA from 21 airports worldwide. It is owned by SAirRelations, one of four corporate divisions within the SAirGroup, and employs 14,000 people, and supplies



Bill Simpson, left, Silentnight chief executive, and Barry McKenzie, finance director

Silentnight has dream start with **UK trading**

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SILENTNIGHT, the bed and cabinet furniture manufacturer, enjoyed a comfortable first half at home but experienced problems overseas.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to August 2 rose from £4.9 million to £5.8 million on turnover up 9 per cent to £107.6 million. The UK beds division per-

formed strongly, with operat-ing profit up 63 per cent to £4.7 million. Most of the UK. cabinet division also did well, with the exception of the Meredew factory, bought in December 1996, which made a loss of £979,000. The company said that the loss should be reduced in the second half. The picture was very different in the US, where a strong

trading performance from the company's two bed factories was marred by an exceptional bad debt of £450,000 caused when Montgomery Ward, one of the biggest retailers in North America and a major customer, filed for insolvency. Business conditions in

Germany remained unfavourable and the group's mattress plant experienced intense pressure on both sales volumes and prices. Turnover fell 25 per cent and operating profit fell from £399,000 to £163,000.

The company will pay an interim dividend of 3.3p (3p) on January 2.

The shares were down 172p yesterday at 315p, wiping out a large part of the 25p gain seen on Tuesday in anticipation of the results.

Airsprung blames management

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

AIRSPRUNG Furniture, the Wiltshire-based furniture and upholstery maker, issued a profit warning yesterday, blaming "serious management shortcomings". At the same time, it said it would be paying £300,000 compensation to the chief executive who left the com-

John Pierce was replaced in the post by Peter Ziemniak, the former chair-Peter man of the beds division. A review by Mr Ziemniak has

nany in August.

revealed management shortcomings and quality problems in the Show-wood components division and in Duckers Furniture.

Michael Coppel, chairman of Airsprung, said yes-terday that he had been unaware of the problems when Mr Pierce left the company and that compensation was being paid to honour his contract.

profits in the six months to September 30 would be "sub-

stantially below market expectations" at about £1.5 million, including the £300,000 provision. Its shares fell 49p

The company made a pretax profit of £6.86 million last year and analysts had been expecting it to manage £8 million this year.

Mr Coppel said that the ers at Duckers were being

that the problems at Showwood had been connected with poor quality control and a high rate of returns from customers. At Duckers, the problem was that new labour-saving machinery had been installed in the spring but had not resulted in lopver staff levels.

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The company insisted that middle management at trading in the rest of the group is going well and that _pattern" should return in the second half.

ACCOUNTANCY

Go-between that saves the day

Michael Oldham looks at one

alternative to calling in the

receivers that can benefit all

he past ten years have seen much change in the handling of ailing businesses. With the revised insolvency legislation of 1986 and the recession in the early Nineties. the concept of rescue has gained prominence as bankers and insolvency practitioners direct more energy to keeping businesses alive.

However, rescues for partnerships and sole traders have lacked a formal method for a qualified practitioner, acting for a creditor, to obtain direct control of a debtor business operating as a going concern because of the absence of powers of conventional security

given by companies. This has meant that the debtor has been left in control and the rescue plan monitored by the professional adviser. In many cases the imposition of an insolvency appointment may have destroyed a business that

could have been saved. Businesses experiencing difficulties require a mechanism for controlling early signs of insolvency and it is in these scenarios that the recently developed Asset Control Arrangement (ACA) can play a key role.

The technique was first employed in the management and disposal of a chain of franchise

restaurants. Although the chain had been profitable, there was cause for concern about future trading and management intentions. The view of the creditors was that disposal as a going concern was the best exit route. In light of concerns about the business, the secured creditors

wanted the assets and trading brought under the control of an experienced practitioner pending sale. We were reluctant to suggest that the secured creditor appointed us as Law of Property Act receiver of the leasehold properties as this was potentially damaging to asset value and could result in problems with landlord, licensing authorities, leasing companies, Crown creditors and, of course, the franchiser. We began brainstorming with our solicitors. Dibb Lupton Alsop, and the bank and devel-oped the ACA. By acting as intermediaries between debtor, secured creditor and franchiser. we formulated a medium-term trading and disposal plan that was accepted by all parties. The documentation structure was then devised, including a power

giving us appropriate powers to operate the business. The ACA proved strikingly successful. The business gener-

of attorney to two partners,



Michael Oldham says the ACA embraces rescue culture

ated a trading profit in excess of expectations and was sold for a substantial sum after an extensive marketing campaign. After payment to the bank, the franhiser and business creditors. there was still a significant surplus to return to the owners. If receivers had been appointed, it is likely that all creditors would have suffered a considerable shortfall and the owners would have been bankrupt. The advantages of this ar-

simplicity and the ability to tailor each arrangement to a specific purpose are obvious. There is no stigma of an insolvency appointment, which might prejudice both attitudes and asset values and which also brings about statutory obligations. What is more, by acting as agents of disclosed principals, we are able to avoid the problem of personal liability to third parties. Where there is no floating charge, the power to trade may be questionable, but

held by the proprietors or board of the debtor, the ACA over-comes these difficulties.

It is important to appreciate, too, that the technique has application even where it is not principally being driven by the demands of one major creditor; companies themselves may want to utilise it. Where directors are agreed on the need for change to operations, or per-haps the sale of assets, but divided on the means or methods, bringing in qualified outsiders to act within the scope of an agreed plan but with powers

to see it through can benefit all.
The disadvantage of an ACA is that it does not automatically against creditors while the ACA

Even as things stand, we see significant application of the ACA approach to debt problems of property-based businesses.
If this new technique were to be used regularly, then care would have to be taken to ensure that it did not become a cowboys' charter. Although an ACA is not a

salvation to all businesses, it can be extremely useful. It embraces the concept of rescue cultures and places day-to-day control of a business in the hands of experienced insolvency practitioners without the potentially destructive effects of an insolvency appointment.

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outstanding firm," he said. Old comrades, obviously.

Name game

Auditor's eye turns to granny's welfare

reason they came into the profession was to report on the health and welfare of other people's grannies. Yet if you were to cross the Atlantic, you might find a different story. Over there, they think that the market for providing people with assurance that their loved ones" are in good hands in whatever retirement or nursing home they have been placed will eventually equal the current audit market in terms of overall revenue.

It is the sort of view that provokes headscratching over whether the Americans are really of this planet. However, this seemingly strange extension of the market in providing business assurance, as auditors now prefer it to be known, is the product of the sort of processes that are in train here.

In the UK, the main project looking at what the market will be for accountants in the future is the English ICA's "Chartered Accountants in 2005" initiative. In America, itis the American institute's "special committee

chaired by Bob Elliott, of KPMG. Elliott broke a fam-Ily holiday in the Cotswolds to talk to the English ICA at the end of last week.

It was an extraordina presentation. The basic premise was the same as it is for accountants bere — that the market is moving away from traditional accounting activities, and that new lines of work need to be created. However, the conclusions, by UK standards, were somewhat off the wall.

Elliott started, simply enough, by pointing out the great values of traditional audit work. It promotes honest security markets. It reduces the cost of capital, it

improves liquidity. And the services retain a great deal of value to the profession. However, weighed against that are a number of other negating factors. There is the explosion of litigation. There is a saturated market: there are no great swaths of companies that remained unaudited and which the law is going to bring into the net. Technology is making inroads. Audit is becoming an unattractive part of the profession and may fail to lure great talent.

In the US, total audit revenues have not grown in real terms for several years. They have stuck at \$7 billion. This does not mean that people are no longer interested in the services auditors provide. It is that they are more interested in those services provided by fully certified by accountants are no longer the key information. "Demand for the information that accountants produce is flat." Elliott said. "The demand for information that other sources provide is skyrocketing." Hence the accountant's problem.

Elliott's answer is to broaden the assurance markets that accountants work in. He suggested a broader definition to start with, saying: "Assurance services are independent professional services that improve the quality of information content for decision-makers." That sounds almost hopeful. However, as

Elliott emphasised, there is a catch. At present, US accountants have the \$7 billion market because, by law, no one else can do audits. Extending assurance into new markets means looking at fields in which accountants are not protected. Anyone can join this brave new world of assurance services. So accountants, with what Elliott categorised as their lack of nimbleness, their emphasis on regulations and their accounting mind-

set, are at a disadvantage.

Hence his committee's identification of different services. ElderCare is one of those new markets. Research apparently shows that people would be willing to pay a median \$500 a month for

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accountants to provide them with regular assurance on the healthcare regime to which their elderly relatives have been consigned. Another is the WebTrust mark This icon appears on Websites. By clicking on it, a user is taken to financial information on the company whose site it is. The idea is that users can thus do some rudimentary due diligence work before entering a transaction. Giving an insight into the speed at which the

American profession works, Elliott revealed that the idea arose in January and that the product was rolled out last month.

Those are two of the more unusual ideas. Others included an "entity performance measurement" service and electronic assurances. They show what can be done. The intention, said Elliott, was "to keep rolling out new services and develop new competencies", so ensuring that the institute was "becoming market savvy". It is hard to envisage the English ICA becoming so market-driven, partly because the UK market is very different. However, accountants here should note what the Americans are doing, if only because they too will need to be looked after in old age.

Summing up to end them all

HUGH ALDOUS, senior partner in Robson Rhodes, has always been an enterprising chap. And now he has come up with the ultimate defence should accountants fall foul of the courts. He has found a report of a case of alleged fraudulent accounting in Alberta, Canada. The judge is reported as summing up with: You're guilty. I'm certain of that, but I simply can't bear to listen to your damned

my observation that he is beyond a doubt the dullest witness I've ever had in my court. He speaks in a monotonal voice so totally devoid of interest, and uses language so convoluted, that even the court reporter cannot stay conscious long enough to record his evidence properly. I've had it. Three solid days of his steady drone as he defends

an obviously fraudulent set of

accountant any longer. It is

year-end accounts is enough. I cannot face the prospect of another 14 indictments. It's probably unethical, but I don't care. Case dismissed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Moscow move

IT'S a bit like the old days of the Cold War. The first hint of trouble is a defection at the Moscow station. People have been scouring the offices of

prepare to face up a merger. Tales of worried partners abound. Now, Robert Fort, head of PW's financial services tax group, has announced that he is to jump ship. He is to join the Moscow office of Clifford Chance, the law firm. Fort is upbeat about his defection. "Having worked closely with Clifford Chance in Moscow over the last two years, I am proud to be joining such an

& Lybrand as the two firms

TIM PRIZEMAN, the veteran

accountancy PR man, set up on his own a while back after stints at Deloitte & Touche and Arthur Andersen. His new enterprise, based in the City, goes by the name of Kelso Consulting. And now his niche has been recognised. A restaurant has opened up beneath his of-fice. It is called "Propaganda".

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

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OMBUDSMAN schemes to deal with consumer complaints

are being hampered because too few people know about

them, a watchdog warns today. Public awareness of ombud-

smen was very low, with even the best known scheme, the

Banking Ombudsman, only recognised by 42 per cent of

people, according to a survey. More people claimed to have

heard of the Travel Industry Ombudsman than the Pensions

Ombudsman — although the travel scheme does not exist.

said the report, by the Consumers' Association, it also called for regulation of the rapidly rising number of industry-run schemes covering services from estate agents to funerals.

Unless an agreed standard was drawn up for all ombudsmen, it would be impossible for consumers to know if

the schemes really offered a fair, independent and effective

arbitration service or were simply a public relations exercise,

the report said. However, it added that ombudsman schemes did provide a useful, cheap and flexible way of resolving

problems between consumers and companies without

Public 'unaware of

Former geologist at Bre-X 'ran fraud'

By George Sivell

INVESTIGATORS hired by Bre-X Minerals of Canada said that Michael de Guzman, who died while employed as the compa-ny's chief geologist, or-chestrated the world's biggest gold swindle.

A report from the private investigators states that de Guzman, who died after falling from a helicopter, ordered an employ-ee to add gold to worthless samples of barren rock in 1993 in an attempt to keep Bre-X Minerals from closing Busang, its Indonesian exploration project once hailed as the world's largest gold deposit. Bre-X released a three

page summary of the agency's 430-page interim report by Forensic Investigative Associates. It stated that de Guzman made millions in profits before the four-year tampering operation was exposed earlier this year.

The report said there ere plans to stop the drilling at the Borneo site after tests proved to be barren. But instead, the investigators said they had reasonable and probable grounds to believe that de Guzman directed a Bre-X geologist, Cesar Puspos, to salt samples with alluvial gold to prevent the company from shutting down

the project Simplicio "Jojo" de Guzman, de Guzman's younger brother, said the geologist did not make millions in profits as claimed. His family believes he was murdered.

Manager



Geoffrey Woods, of Bridport-Gundry, which supplies spares for British-made military aircraft throughout the world acquisitions.

Aviation service firm 80% ahead

BRIDPORT-GUNDRY, the aviation and defence services company that has grown out of the old Dorset fishing-net business, raised pre-tax profits by 80 per cent to £2.61 million

in the year to July 31.

The disposal of the last of Bridport-Gundry's traditional textile businesses raised £2 million in the year, and the company is to change its name

Earnings per share rose by 11 per cent, to 10.2p, out of which the total dividend rises to 4.55p, up 12.6 per cent. The group ended the year with net cash of £2.7 million, an im-provement from net debt of £2.4 million the previous year. Geoffrey Woods, chief exec-utive, said: "We intend to use our cash flow and balance sheet to fund complementary

Stagecoach adds to fleet

STAGECOACH, the transport company, announced a multimillion pound order for 515 new buses to improve its nationwide fleet. The Perth company, which operates 7,500 vehicles, said the order would reduce the average age of its fleet to seven years, against an industry average of ten. The order includes chassis built by MAN. Dennis, Volvo and Mercedes, and bodies made by Alexander and Jonckheere. Brian Souter, chairman, said: "We remain convinced that the introduction of new vehicles generates a significant cost

Loral to buy Orion

LORAL Space & Communications, the satellite group based in New York, has agreed to buy Orion Network Systems, whose satellite system will soon be able to provide services to 85 per cent of the world's population. The share deal values Orion at about \$490 million (£302 million) and extends Loral's reach beyond US borders. Orion, based in Maryland, operates one of the first privately owned international satellite communications systems, serving 260 multinational companies and Internet service providers in 47 countries. It owns the Orion 1 satellite and has two more satellites under construction.

Hamanaka bank move

SUMITOMO CORP, the Japanese trading house, said on Wednesday that Swiss authorities had given it permission to confiscate a secret bank account held by its disgraced former head copper trader Yasuo Hamanaka. In June 1996, Sumitomo announced losses of \$2.6 billion (El.6 billion). which it said were due to unauthorised deals by Hamanaka. It has been reported in the Japanese press that the account held around SFr1 million (£427.000). Hamanaka has pleaded guilty at the Tokyo District Court to charges of fraud and forgery in connection with the unauthorised trades.

Daimler switches to euro

DAIMLER-BENZ, Germany's largest company, is to adopt the euro as its official house currency from 1999, it was announced vesterday. Daimler said the cost of the switchover would come to DM200 million (about £70 million) but that it would reduce currency market exposure by 30 per cent. Juergen Schrempp, the company's chairman, has been an outspoken advocate of European monetary union, saving it would help to protect the company from swings in the mark's value against other European currencies. Daimler has been a leader in adopting new accounting procedures.

Europe's high flyers

MAJOR west European airlines showed a 10 per cent year-onyear rise in passenger traffic for August, continuing a powerful growth trend, the Association of European Airlines (AEA) said vesterday, Intra-European traffic increased II.6 per cent. On long-haul routes \$1.6 per cent of the seats were sold and intra-European load factors reached a 70.2 per cent high. Karl-Heinz Neumeister, AEA Secretary-General, said: "During the last few years the month of August has become the busiest month of the year for air travel." Every day during August more than half a million passengers crossed borders on AEA member airlines.

Microsoft faces legal threat over computer language

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FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MICROSOFT is facing a serious legal threat that could halt its product roll-out as a bitter dispute over the software group's monopoly position

Sun Microsystems is suing Microsoft over the use of Sun's Java computer language. Sun claimed that Microsoft, which is licensed to integrate Javainto its software, manipulated the language so as to favour its own Windows programs over

competitors' programs. Sun wants to protect the purity of Java to make computers compatible worldwide.

It wants Microsoft to stop using its adapted version of Java and has threatened to re-

voke its licensing agreement. Microsoft responded by saying that Sun's claims were "ourrageous and complete unfounded". It denied violating any agreements and said Sun was merely trying to keep control over a potentially very lucrative product.

Microsoft is also facing a monopoly investigation from attorneys general in four US states. Investigators from California, New York, Minnesota and Connecticut are preparing to file a lawsuit against Microsoft before the launch of the new Windows program in

Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut attorney-general, said Microsoft could be guilty of pressuring computer-makers into using its software exclusively. He said: "What we are looking at is the alleged monopoly concerning Microsoft software." Similar investigations are under way in Texas and Massachusetts.

recent weeks Microsoft has increasingly been confronted with the uni-

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ted wrath of anti-trust campaigners, industry rivals and state regulators over its estimated 80 per cent share of the software market. A US Senate sub-committee will hold hear-ings on anti-competitive practices in the computer industry, while key consumer groups are lobbying the Justice Department to start a predatory pricing investigation.

In the most significant commercial setback, Intel, the semiconductor manufacturer, has rejected Microsoft's new digital cable television standard and is backing an alter-

by Oracle to define the way that cable television viewers will have access to the Internet. Cable technology is to be made interactive, giving cable viewers access to electronic mail, home shopping, video games and films. Microsoft has invested heavily in the technology

Microsoft is competing with a

group of software houses led

which is deemed to open up lucrative retail markets. in June it invested \$1 billion in Comcast, America's fourthlargest cable operator.



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Gyrus hopes Herion acquisition lifts shares in IMI

BY OUR CITY STAFF By PAUL DURMAN

IMI, the international engi-neering group, has agreed to to the European manufacturneering group, has agreed to acquire Herion-Werke, a German manufacturer of pneumatic control valves, for a total of DM 245 million (almost £86 million), it was announced

This will give Mark and IMI is paying DM 110 million in cash and assuming Colin Goble, the brothers who founded Gyrus in 1989, a holding worth about £12 mildebts of DM135 million. lion. Neither brother plans to Herion, based near Stuttgart, sell shares in the float. Gyrus's first two products

cutting tools that vaporise tissue when an electric current passed between electrodes have been approved by US egulators and are being sold by Ethicon, part of Johnson & Johnson, and Gynecare, an American company specialis-ing in women's health. Orders for the AxiPolar and AxiPlus electrodes are ahead of forecasts made when they were launched a few months ago. Gyrus expects to lose £4 million this year. However, product launches are intend-

ed to take it into profit in 2000. Allen: buying top supplier

ing industry. In 1996 the company earned DM 14 million before interest and tax on sales of DM 334 million. Net million after deducting the debt assumed. The company has five sales and distribution subsidiaries

around the world. IMI said Herion's success in specialised valve technology was based on innovative research and development.

IMI, whose chief executive is Gary Allen, said the acquisition will be funded from existing bank facilities. The acquisition is expected to enhance earnings per share after 1998. Herion will become part of IMI's fluid power group of companies. Completion is expected by the end of November, subject to regulatory clearances.

IMI shares rose 8½p to 4242 p yesterday, their highest level in more than five years.

Triplex Lloyd ends talks

By George Stvell

SHARES in Triplex Lloyd rose 10p to 225p yesterday after the engineering group said that it had ended discussions with a potential bidder.

The shares have risen steeply since touching a low for the year of 154p in August, and the group is worth around £150 million on the stock market. Triplex said: "After careful consideration of the company's position and prospects, the board concluded that such

discussions were unlikely to

lead to an offer capable of being recommended to shareholders, and discussions have effectively terminated."

Analysts said that any bid for Triplex would be at about 260p to 270p and that the group had effectively put itself into play" by making the announcement. Triplex earlier this year lost a battle to acquire William Cook, the steel castings group, for £75 million. One broker said that the

announcement "implies that

the Triplex board would have recommended the offer if the price had been right".

Some dealers said that they expect a hostile bidder to emerge for the group in the near future. One analyst said The company has effectively put itself into play. There are a number of specialist engineering companies who would be interested."

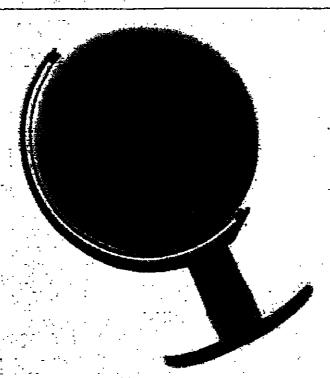
A bid of 260p to 270p a share would indicate an offer at £170 million to £180 million.



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Bargains of the week: fireworks at an ancient English castle; rural France for autumn; trekking in the Himalayas

A selection of last-minute holidays and travel opportunites at home, in Europe and further afield,

many at bargain prices: BRITAIN

CORNISH cottages are available at a discount over the coming half-term from Blakes Cottages. Four-bed properties in St Cleer cost from £310, eight-bed cottages up to £481. Golf, castles, country houses and the coast are all within half an hour's drive. Details: 01282 445097.

ROTHAY GARDEN, a traditional stone hotel at Gras-mere in the Lake District, is offering valuable extras to those booking short breaks from November 1. The twonight weekend break, costing £95 a person, includes a fivecourse dinner and complimentary Sunday lunch. The fournight midweek break, from

E125 a person, also includes the dinner. Details: 01539

■ IT'S going to be murder at the Gothic-style Wrea Head Hotel on the North York Moors near Scarborough at Hallowe en when guests will be invited to solve the crime at a murder mystery evening. Cost of the two-night break on October 31 and November 1 with dinner, bed and breakfast is Ell9 a person. Details: 01723 374374.

FOUR holiday parks in Scotland, complete with heated indoor pools and evening entertainment, are featured in half-price midweek offers this month from Parkdean Holidays. Prices for caravans and chalets for a Monday to Fri-day four-night break range from £60 to £125. Details: 0191-

■ FIREWORKS at Leeds Castle in Kent and a visit to Howletts Zoo are featured in a weekend package at Chilston Park country house hotel near Lenham, not far from Maidstone, on November 7 and 8. The price of £190 a person with big reductions for child-— also includes halfboard. Details: 01622 859803.

EUROPE

FAMILY self-catering holi-days in Minorca are available at discounts for a week from October 17, which includes half-term for many. Style Holidays is offering packages from Gatwick in named accommodation for £119 for adults and £89 for children. Details: 0181-568 1999.

A CHOICE of Turkish resorts is on offer from October 20 for a week from £239 a person with Accommodation Overseas. Fly from Gatwick to Dalaman and stay in two-star hotels in Marmaris, Dalyan or Olu Deniz. Details: 0181-977

GET yourself and friends to Cyprus and you can book luxury apartments sleeping up to five people at the Royal Com-plex for £205 a week this month and £140 a week from November 1. The Royal Complex is in Paphos and includes a pool, bar and small restaurant. Details: 00 357 6247 112.

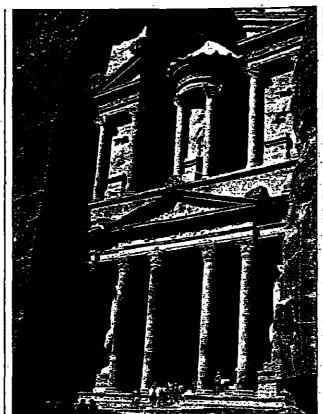
■ PARIS for two nights in a three-star hotel for £39 a person, including cross-Channel travel for car and passengers, will be available from

November I from Leisure Di-rection. The price is based on four travelling together, tak-ing two rooms. Details: 0181-324 3030.

FOR THOSE who want to stay in the George V, the luxurious hotel, before it closes for refurbishment on November 1, Kirker Holidays is offering a two-night package from £484 a person, including first-class Eurostar travel, room upgrade, breakfast, welcome champagne and a cruise on the Seine. Details: 0171-231 3333.

AUTUMN in rural France can be enjoyed at a discount on some VFB Cottage Holi-days if booked before October 20. Offers include a week in a traditional cottage in Provence from £349 for a family of five, with Channel crossings. Details: 01242 240340.

MA WEEK-LONG tour for the independent cyclist, following the Danube as it wends its way through upper and lower Austria to Vienna, is on offer this month from the Imaginative Traveller. Priced at £470, including bike hire, transport of luggage, B&B and train for the last leg. Flights are extra. Details: 0181-742



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Seven-night Jordan Discovery Tours, departing October 19 and 26, and November 2, 9, 16 and 23, include visits to Petra (pictured), Amman, the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley. The price, £759, includes flights, transfers, accommodation and entrance fees. Details: Destination Red Sea, 0181-440 9900

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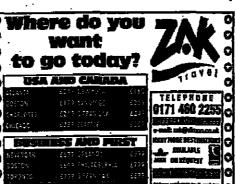
















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NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown sees

Disney tackle the classics, and come

up with a treat called Hercules

ou all know Hercules. Nice lad, son of Zeus. Bulging calves, jut-ting chin, weird triangular feet. Friends call him Herc. At least, this is the chap who takes the lead in Disney's latest cartoon, Hercules. Scholars of Greek mythology may tut-tut, but they were not the audience the directors John Musker and Ron Clemence had in mind. This is a movie styled and paced to suit frantic young minds, for

whom even the 1970s are The point is made at the beginning, when a serious commentator is kicked off the soundtrack by gospel-singing Muses adorning a frieze on a museum vase. Then we are whisked to Mount Olympus to celebrate Herc's birth. Then we meet his adversary Hades. God of the Underworld, blue head flaming like a gas jet, sardonic words tumbling out of his mouth, courtesy of James Woods. "I haven't been this choked up," he sneers,

ka stuck in my throat." Wit, as you can see, does not scale the Olympian heights, although the film's visual design offers something different from the norm. Gerald Scarfe was hired as production designer and, while there is no room for the extreme savagery of his political cartoons, enough bulbous noses, spindly limbs and ornamental details crop up to remind us of his presence.

"since I got a lump of moussa-

Several voice artists make their own mark. Woods's taunting tones provide the perfect accompaniment as Hades tries to stop Hercules regaining his place among the gods. Danny DeVito appears inseparable from Philoctetes (call him Phil), satyr, sidekick and personal trainer who helps Herc to prove his mettle. Other contributions are more mundane; none more so than that of Alan Menken and David Zippel, composer and lyricist, whose songs are obsti-nately unmemorable.

The dialogue, at least, al-ways tries to be bright and breezy. Thanks for everything. Herc, it's been a real slice," says a rescued damsei informs the in-jokes, which include digs at the merchandising phenomenon. Disney knows this subject well: more /4 than 300 companies and retailers have been licensed to sell Hercules products. Forget its distorted reflection of ancient Greek myths, this movie - flip, fast and brazen - puts today's world in a nutshell.

il by Mouth, written and directed by Gary Oldman, picture of modern life. It is not pretty. The setting is a grim housing estate in South London (Oldman's stamping ground). The language is rough, the action rougher. There is nothing to hope for: days pass in petty crime, drug use and rampaging. Noses get bitten, apartments trashed and a pregnant wife is kicked by her alcohol-sodden hus-

band. It rains a lot, 100. But there is more to Oldman's directorial debut than a celebration of misery. Oldman knows these people the film is pointedly dedicated to the memory of his father and he refuses to act the moralist. He gives them a community spirit, and allows the family's grandma to sing Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man even when the men include Ray Winstone's husband, violent to a psychotic degree. As in the films of Oldman's artistic mentors, Alan Clarke and John Cassavetes, the camera stays close to faces, observ-

enough to take the intense scrutiny. Winstone is powerfully unsettling. Kathy Burke unnerves in a different way as. the wife so wearied by life that even an enforced miscarriage from her husband's boot fails to stir much of a fight. Overlong it may be (the early scenes particularly need trimming), but this is a film of startling power and compassion.

Remaining in the same country, if definitely not the same mood. House of America is a trip to a dead-end town in Wales. Not that the characwould acknowledge actuliving there. Teenagers and Gwenny (Steven Mackintosh and Lisa Palfrey) dream about going on the road across the States, like their hero, Jack Kerouac. Mam, clouded by mental illness, lives in her own world. As for Dad, he flew the nest 15 years before, and is believed to be in America itself, although

> Hercules Odeon Leicester Square U. 91 mins Greek mythology is Disneyfied

Nil by Mouth Virgin Haymarket 18, 139 mins Gary Oldman's searing directorial debut

House of America ABC Shaftesbury Ave 15, 96 mins Ambitious kitchen sink fantasy from Wales

The Game Empire, 18, 128 mins Michael Douglas caught in a practical joke

Temptress Moon Curzon West End 14. 116 mins Chen Kaige's

opium dream Pusher ICA Cinema, 18, 105 mins Gritty drama from Denmark

Father's Day Warner West End Robin Williams and Billy Crystal in a futile hunt for laughs

with Marc Evans's version of Edward Thomas's play it is wise not to take such things for

This ambitious film initially

beguiles with its portrait of restless, likeable kids using the American Dream to colour their bleak lives. There is also a rock soundtrack to enjoy. But the mix of realism, fantasy and melodrama grows unsatisfactory, the film's dramatic focus grows blurred, and Sian Phillips has her work cut out making her mad Mam a figure worth our understanding. This is Evans's first feature, after much television work: for all its faults, it should serve as a respectable calling card.: True to its title, David

Fincher's The Game delights in play-acting. Consider the predicament of Michael Douglas, a successful San Francisco businessman whose hollow life proceeds like clockwork. Until, that is, his 48th birthday, when his brother (Sean Penn) hands him a gift certificate for an outfit called Consumer Recreation Services. "We're like an experiential Book of the Month Club," their front man purrs. Once locked into the Game, as they call it, Douglas is chased black and blue and discredited in business. He loses his house. and almost his life. Fincher directed last year's

hit thriller Seven and is at his

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Hades, ruler of the Underworld and enemy of our eponymous hero in Hercules. He could, of course, have been called Pluto, but every Disney fan knows that Pluto is a dog

induces instant reality. But

there is nothing phoney about

When a film stars both

Robin Williams and Billy

Crystal, which one do you

laugh at? The answer in

Father's Day is neither. This

tepid remake of a French

farce, Les Compères, casts

them, respectively, as a failed

writer and high-powered law-

yer faced with the prospect

that they have fathered a

teenage son. Weak jokes and unearned sentiment combine

to produce one of the year's

most unnecessary offerings.

the film's stark power.

happiest with in-your-face artifice. And, for a while, this teasing movie has the audience in its grip. Douglas's bemusement becomes ours as action set pieces yank him this way and that, and cyberspace demons undermine his identity. (The writers, John Brancato and Michael Ferris, like this trick: remember their previous opus, The Net?) Then, as the film soldiers on towards the two-hour mark, you feel the callous bravura of Fincher's visual style and the script's conceits. The movie ends up just like the Game itself: an elaborate practical joke, more

cruel than entertaining.

By the nature of things, the ors do not have much scope for fireworks, although Penn makes the most of his brief appearances and Deborah Kara Unger is nicely enigmatic as the woman who leads Douglas a meny dance.

After playing The Game you will need relaxation. So how about Temptress Moon, a film drenched in an opium haze from Chen Kaige, the director of Farewell My Concubine. The story has its knots, even in the streamlined version released in the West (14 minutes shorter than the original). But there is nothing to stop us basking in the opu-lence of 1920s Shanghai and where drugged

beauties lie swathed in luscious fabrics under swaying lanterns.

Nothing to stop us stargaz-ing, either. There are two to gawp at, both luminaries of Hong Kong and beyond. Leslie Cheung takes the male role, a Shanghai gigolo who haunts the decaying house of an aristocratic family, where he lived as a child. But the camera only has eyes for Gong Li, head of the household, who makes the kind of grand movie entrance once reserved for Greta Garbo, and hogs the close-ups, misty-eyed with

n theory, Chen under-took this material to muse on the parallels between the confusions of the Republic's early years and the contradictions of modern China. In practice, few parallels peep through the heady melodrama. This is a film of visual wonders (praise be to cameraman Christopher Doyle, one of the world's best); but little meaning or relevance

The Danish film Pusher is a gritty, quasi-documentary look at seven days in the life of a drugs pusher. He is Nicolas Winding Refn: a name to watch and spell correctly. The pusher starts off cocky and successful; he ends desperate-

ly chasing debts to save him-Oldman triumph self from the mortuary slab. The hand-held camera lurches from face to face, a trick too many directors seem to think

■ NJL BY MOUTH

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 19: Ray Winstone will break your heart. Gary Oldman has given us a beautifully observed

Melita Miletic, 18: Kathy Burke is good, but best actress at Cannes? I think not. John Osmond. 19: Not an easy film to watch. A highly authentic representation of council estate life.

Every week, young film fans many weeks. Don't forget to take the Kleenex.

FATHER'S DAY Leslie: Those comedy heavyweights Robin Williams and Billy Crystal should have provided much mirth. They did

Melita: A laugh a day. Stay John: Mel Gibson's brief comic turn as a heavily pierced rocker supplies the film's only Dominic Williams is at times

quite moving; shame nobody told him he was doing a that will stay with you for comedy.

■ THE GAME Leslie: Confused? You will be. Unusually for Hollywood this

Melita: Michael Douglas's best performance to date. John: Not a work of art, but ace, chilling entertainment. Dominic Sean Penn is, as always, dead good. Not a bad movie, just a confusing one.

film is over-written and

NEW ON VIDEO

PRINCESS DIANA COMMEMORATIVE VIDEOS

WHICH do you pick, the BBC's Diana: A Celebration οτ Diana: The People's Princess from ITN? The BBC's, narrated mainly by Moira Stuart, adopts the dull, reverential line, begins with the funeral and works backwards. ITN's, narrated by Trevor McDonald, accepts Diana, Princess of Wales more as a flawed human being, and builds up to the funeral after a wider portrait of her life. At 78 minutes, ITN's is better value than the BBC's (only 55 minutes long), while neither includes Elton John singing Candle in the Wind in Westminster Abbey.

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CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 1997

VCI/Film Four, 15, 1996 CLAUSTROPHOBIC suburban lives have long been Mike Leigh's speciality, but in this film, now available to buy, he treats them with new compassion. Brenda Blethyn is the sad, nervous mother faced with a skeleton from the past: the black daughter (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) she gave up for adoption. Shifts in tone cause awkwardness at times, and some scenes need the editor's scissors. But there is real maturity here, and a refresh-ing tenderness to Leigh's treatment of lives in pain.

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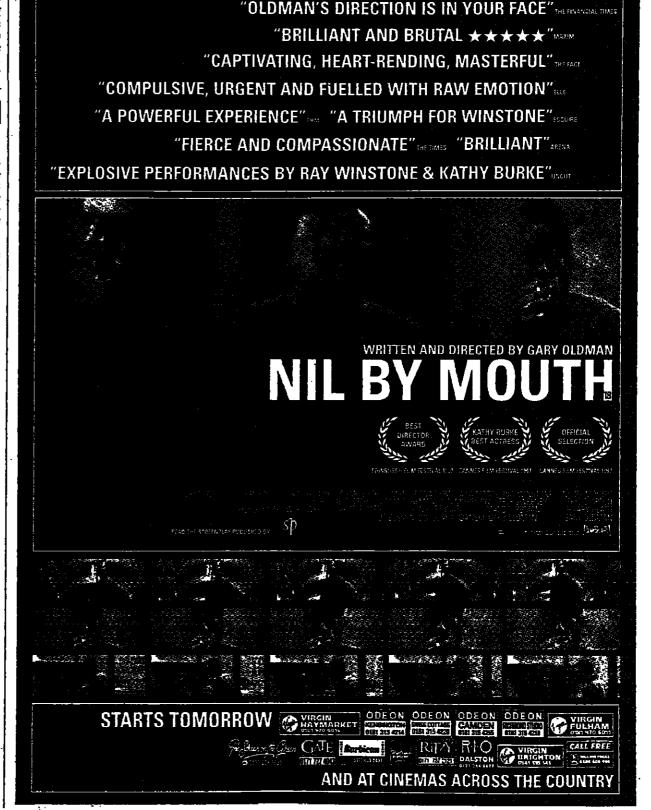
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THE SUNCHASER Warner, 15, 1996

A PRIGGISH doctor (Woody Harrelson) is forced at gunpoint to take Jon Seda's young prisoner, dying of cancer, to a sacred Navajo mountain. Director Michael Cimino tries to turn this road movie into a report on the state of the nation. He fills the screen with clever arrangements of rock, sand and Tarmac, and some choice visual conceits. But the script cannot sustain such fancy treatment, and the clichés multiply as doc and patient make their journey from LA's ghettos to the peaks of Colorado. Available to rent.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

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MY BOY JACK. First play by David Harg with himself as Rudyard Kipling. urging his beloved son to go off to the trenches Belinda Lang plays Mrs K.

RUSSIAN REQUIEM Mark Wigglesworth makes his concert of with the London Symphony Cirches

EI BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: To prevent the service of the Broadware musical - Author Alaman Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with Alaster Harvey as the teats, with support from the files of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rassington Devalution Totherham Court Road W1 (1711-416 6050) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm

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| HURLYBURLY: West End Iransfer for the first int from Peter Hell's Old Vic company. David Pabe's savagely funny play about. Callorman men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, Jermy Seagrove. Andy Serkis and Devid Tennant.

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BIRMINIGHAM: The Birmingham Royal Ballet season opens with the British premiere of Devid Birdicy's Edward II, based on Christopher

Marlowe's 1592 play about the lang namous 9:1932 pary account in a virig from between public duty and private passions Wolfgang Stotwitzer and Sabrina Lenzi field the cast. httppodrome, Hurst Street (0121-822 7486) Opens tonight, 7:30pm (§)

COVENTRY: The Russian State Symphony Orchestra under Amold Katz continues its tour of Britain, Tonight's concert leatures Tchallovs Rachmansnov, Schabin and Pirnsky-

Arts Centre, University of Warwick

Birmingham Symphony Orchest arrives here for a performance of Thomas Ades's Asyle, Using such

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London E House full, returns only I Some seats available I Seata at all prices

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THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE: LI THE MYSTERROUS BIN LOVE:
New play by Karotine Leach, set in
1912 in a hotel at Weston-super-Mara.
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Susan Penhalagon a lovelorn spinster
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Playing farce and losing The key listing the vibe is in the vibe in marking the magistrate of the title practices poses for a sculptor. How should lan Richardson's whiskery Aeneas Posket be munoralized? As an overancest English version of todays Triker or as a 10th-mintry counterpart of an Old estament promoter.

century counterpart of an Old Testament prophet?

Up go the lights on the Posket living room, and we see what the magistrate decided. Seven foot of marble Richardson stands frowning beside the hearth, one hand holding

The Magistrate Chichester

the Good Book aloft, the other disdainfully pointing in the direction of the criminal classes. It is an inventive touch, but

it highlights the evening's problems. Broadhurst's production might be funnier if he concentrated more on timing and the other disciplines of farce and less on visual ado. And the play would be funnier if the protagonist were a massively solemn, pompous Victorian functionary instead of so genial a man and soft a beak that he pays the fines of those he convicts and hires them as servants.

You would not get such sentimentality in the French farces on which Pinero partly modelled The Magistrate. And if Feydeau, say, were to bring his characters furtively to a nighterie called the Hotel des Princes, it would be for far less innocent reasons than offered here. Aeneas comes because his sporty stepson

There is no doubt about it.

Matthew Bourne has hit on a

winning formula. It goes like

this. Take one much-loved classical

ballet, give it a novel twist, dress it in a

spiffy new wardrobe and spice it with

sarcastic humour. He did it with La

Sylphide and Nutcracker, he did it -

amously - with Swan Lake. And now

Cinderella's hook is its Second

World War setting. The screams of

German bombers assault our ears as

we take our seats: an air-raid siren

heralds the start of the Prokofiev score.

dance designer), we find ourselves

inside the house of a madly dysfunc-

tional family on New Year's Eve, 1943

(although my reading of history tells

me the Blitz was over by then). Cinders

is the frumpy daughter of a wizened,

wheelchair-bound veteran. She is tor-

mented by siblings both male and

female, and cringes before a Joan

Into her dreams walks Harry, an

RAF pilot wounded by war and

Crawford-lookalike stepmother.

he's done it with Cinderella.

(John Padden) wants to have dinner with him. His wife Agatha (Abigail McKern) follows because she wants to nobble the boy's visiting godfather. Graham Crowden's Lukyn, who may reveal his and her true ages to the husband she has recently mar-

British: or so Pinero suggests. The reasons for the comic events that ensue just aren't adequate. Lukyn's friend Vale lands up in the rain on the

ried. No sex please - we're

balcony because he thinks it polite to exit when a lady enters. And everyone ends up under the tables because the police inexplicably decide that after-hours drinking merits a raid and mass arrests.

With a cast less slick than it might be, the audience's laughter struck me as intermittent and puzzled — and not vastly heartier in the potentially uproarious third act. I can still remember the late fine actor though he is, Rich-

Alistair Sim, his mournful

moose face radiating genteel panic as he crept into the antercom of his court after being chased by the police. Richardson's clothes are all they should be. When he. absently hands a ripped-off sleeve to a lackey, or launches into a moral fecture with mudcaked trousers knotted round. his knees, it is amusing. Yet the humiliation of this gent is not innately hilarious. Maybe

ardson isn't a farce performer.

Is he helped by Simon Higlen's decor, which revolves round a three-dimensional cartoon of Dore's London. allowing a drunk to be ejected from the Hotel des Princes. and Posker's memory of his escape from the cops to become swirling street-scenes? Not really, or not enough. We came to gorge our laugh-

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

In the mood, but out of steps

bandaged by Cinders. Her fairy godmother is the Angel, a waxen, unsmiling enigma in a three-piece suit. Bombs are falling around them during the blackout that brings Act I to a close.

Act II is set in a dance hall that same As the curtain rises on Lez Brotherston's shades of grey set night. Cinderella is the belle of the ball. a Grace Kelly vision in white; Harry is (another triumph for this brilliant heads, especially the Stepmother's. Cinderella and Harry get it on before the stroke of midnight. But Act III, in which the lovers are remitted in a convalescent home, each clutching a twinkling dance shoe, raises intriguing ambiguities. Was the dance hall a mere fantasy, the delirious fancy of our shellshocked heroine? And what about the Angel? Why has he brought hero and heroine together?

This is theatre in which concept is



From left: Ian Richardson as the genial Aeneas Posket, Graham Crowden, Abigail McKern and John Padden

king and, as such, it is astutely realised. the dashing officer turning female: despite owing a huge debt to last year's Swan Lake. It is also stylishly packaged and undeniably appealing. But as dance it has worrying problems. Bourne has more imagination as a librettist than as a choreographer, and the physical language of Cinderella is glaringly thin. Certain steps - one lift in particular - are shamelessly overused and the lines of dance are shorter than one would expect, given the momentum of the Prokofiev score. Act II has the most animated

choreography, mostly because of a steamy - and unusually balletic duet between Cinders and Harry. A programme note credits the cast for their "creative contributions" and you cannot help but wonder at the possible input of Sarah Wildor (on loan from the Royal Ballet) and Adam Cooper (formerly of the Royal), leading the first cast. As we saw when they danced The Invitation together at Covent Garden. they are a sensational team. Wildor's Cinderella shines with an inner beauty, gliding gloriously from awkward little mouse to graceful glamour girl. Cooper, just as he was in Bourne's Swan Lake, is electrifying.

Lynn Seymour is splendid as the bitchy Stepmother, svelte and sexy and blotting out the years with her stillvoluptuous dancing. William Kemp maintains a compelling aloofness as the Angel; the entire cast of Bourne's. company, Adventures in Motion Pictures, is first-rate. David Frame conducts the wonderful New London Orchestra in Daryl Griffith's cleverly scaled-down version of the score.

DEBRA CRAINE

Munich Jazz Festival, repeated the experience at the Berlin Festival some months later. and then went into the studio to record their classic ECM

album, Crystal Silence. Since then, they have performed and recorded together as frequently as their schedules permit which means, as Corea admitted in introducing this concert. that they have been discussing this collaboration for the past 15 years, but only now are they actually, in his words, "blowing round the planet".

They began with what Corea termed a resurrection": a revamped version of Love Castle, from his mid-1970s double album, My vibes solos from Burton, and

There were more resurrections — an intensely melodic 🕊 version of Duende; a more recent Corea piece. Bud Powell, taken from his tribute album to the great bop planist: a tango written in 1992 for a film that was never made and a few compositions written specially for this tour: their new album's title track, Native Sense: a marimba feature. New Mystery, and an extraor-

the duo's great appeal: a clever blend of classical elegance the central section utilised the chord progression from a Mozart piano sonata - and Latin considered, poised and vivacious. Both Corea and Burton are eloquent soloists, and their musical approaches are utterly compatible. Their initial musical meeting may have been a fortunate accident but their continuing collaboration is one of jazz's great delights.

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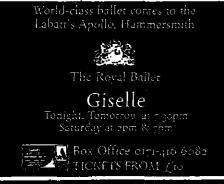
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Spanish Heart. A typical Corea composition — light and graceful, but subtly infused with Latin rhythm - it drew the first of many breathtakingly fluent, cascading in its concluding fours-trading highlighted one of the duo's most pleasing characteristics: virtuosic playfulness.

dinary climax, Rhumbata. This last piece encapsulated

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Five operas written by Ralph Vaughan Williams are getting a fresh airing. Mike Ashman reports

Glorious

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"wrong connotation" for the works, she thinks. This idea

came from Vaughan Wil-

liams's beloved "musical citi-

zenship policy, says Kennedy. He loved to see his works performed by amateur or semi-professional forces, but

the impression clung that they

Also, the librettos were often problematic when written by

other hands, or dramatic in a

way that needed careful han-

dling. "The Pilgrim is not a

theatrical piece in terms of,

say, Grimes," says Hickox. But he is confident of finding

"the dramatic impetus" to make it "vivid and

Royal

scholar, Neville Coghill] who

then chose a terrible de-

for more melody-based, populist" opera. He points out that

high quality British cham-pions are in the field again,

these opera performances.

not churchy".

There were also

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production prob-

lems at a postwar

House that felt

unconfident about

British work. "Bloody Covent

Garden," says Ur-

sula Vaughan Wil-

liams of the 1951

premiere, "chose a

bad producer [the

famous Chaucer

onnock believes that the less cynical,

gentier age of the late 1990s" is ready again

were intended for amateurs.

The 20th century has not been over-kind to the operas of Ralph

Vaughan Williams.

Vision of Albion

Bis this year, the 125th anniversary of the composer's

bith, some amends are being

mide. On the initiative of

Stephen Connock, chairman

of he Vaughan Williams Soci-

Fesival has been put together unter the conductor Richard

Hictox, who led the first ever

complete cycle of the sympho-niesin a parallel 1995 event.

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British music for

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materpiece", says Hikox), the Fal-

stal opera Sir-Jon in Love (ab-

scriely delicious", says Ursu-la Vaughan Williams, the

cooposer's widow), and The

Pgrim's Progress ("no hero-

in and no love duets and it's wat I want", said the compos-

el will have performances with varying degrees of move-rent. The Pilgrim — the last ad grandest opera — will be

smi-staged by Joseph Ward, drector of a feted Manchester

sident production, and re-

orded for the second time

The Poisoned Kiss ("marvel-

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lennedy, the composer's biog-rpher) will be heard in sub-

sintial excerpts, as was (last

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et (Connock), why has it not

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Aders to the Sea "hilf an hour or so

Hilary Finch

Standing Stone

Pharaohs didn't write, they employed people to do the job help him with his four-movetunes were first computer-"overall supervisor of orches-tration". So credit is given

where credit is due.

harmony and the odd jig.

Abstraction is simply not
McCarmey's forte. I wish he

■ GERSHWIN I Got Rhythm

ONE would not normally turn to Denmark for a Gershwin ensemble, but with the irrepressible Wayne Marshall in

ments of the Piano Concerto in F career along at hair-raising speeds, and the Aalborgers toss off those syncopated jazz rhythms as though to the manner born. Marshall is of course wholly in his element here, though just occasionally it seems as if his virtuosity is

allowed to run away with him. The Rhapsody in Blue and less familiar Second Rhapsody are wild and boisterous. with the right amount of

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** £38.99 THE sunlit Mozart of Solti's recent years gives way to darker shadows in Don Giovanni, recorded at the Festival Hall a year ago. All the old force is there, especially in the finales to both acts. But the speeds are often slow and the smiles are few. This is

a serious Giovanni. Bryn Terfel's Giovanni is an aggressive Jack-the-Lad, fine when he is on the hunt or fighting for his life. He is less successful as the suave seducer and here Michele Pertusi, his sardonic and polished Leporello, could show him a thing or two. Both are expert in each other's roles.

Renée Fleming's Anna is outstanding throughout and Monica Groop is a toothsome and sweetly accurate Zerlina. But Ann Murray's Elvira is a disappointment: plenty of character but too often a shrewish edge to the voice. By contrast Herbert Lippert's vo-cally well-schooled Ottavio lacks dramatic thrust.

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In his search for his Celtic roots, McCartney sounds intermittently diverted, often defeated. To be equal to the task is asking a lot, as Milton. Dante, Beethoven and Mahler discovered before him; and there has to be a little more to symphony than shortlived, formulaic melody, anodyne

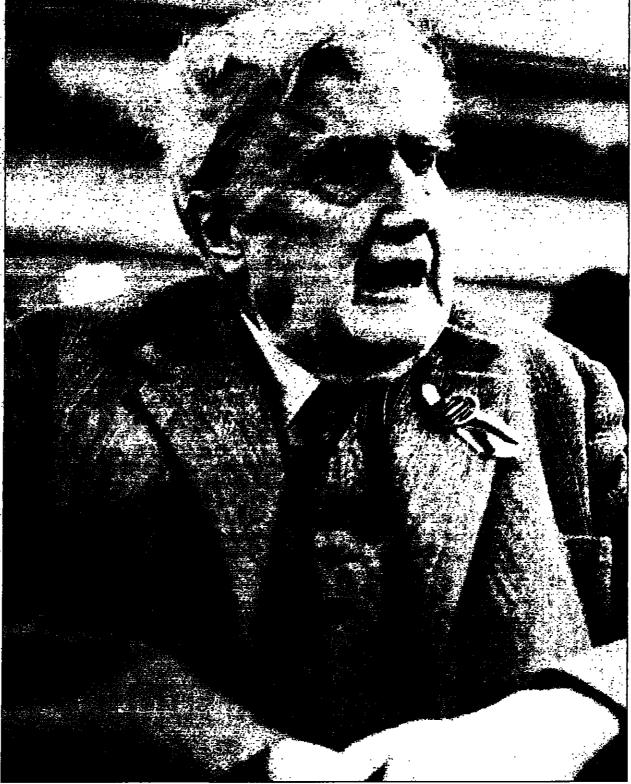
had made a song-cycle out of his own good Standing Stone Poem printed in the booklet. Music unsupported by words is extremely difficult to write, and one day McCartney may (or may not) like to have a chat with his fellow Celt, James MacMillan, to discuss some of the ways in which it is done. Meanwhile, Standing Stone is a sad monument: it is tired, it is middle-aged, it is, essentially, background music.

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His supporters believe the music of Vaughan Williams will be better received in the late Nineties than in the Fifties

mentioning alongside Hickox such conductors as Andrew Davis and Matthew Best, and singers like Bryn Terfel (in the concert hall) and what Hickox calls the cream of young British talent" in the casts of Unfortunately, British opera managements are addict-There are other reasons why new time might have come for a form that meant so much to Vaughan Williams. Enthusiasm for the Royal Opera's recent revival of The Midsum-Sir Michael Tippetr's desire for opera to have "a greater percentage of the marvellous to a smaller amount of the everyday" is more widely understood in 1996 than in 1955.

ed to pigeonholing composers: The variety of Vaughan Williams's operatic output confuses and defies such thinking. It is no accident that Riders -takeover of an established sound world akin to Bartók or Ravel, is the only score to date to establish a toehold in the British repertoire. The remaining works fit no such easy glove. Hugh the Drover probably suffered more from its war-delayed premiere than from Harold Child's stiff libretto. If it had been performed alongside Ethel Smyth's The Wreckers, Holst's Savitri or some Holbrooke (time for a Hickox rediscovery?), there might have been more of the "British" opera school that Vaughan Williams

feared would never happen. In addition to the operas, the Vision of Albion Festival visits

Clerkenwell for a trio of chamber music concerts in November, and is at the Barbican Cinema this month for screenings and discussions on scored and reused in the concert hall: Scott of the Antarctic, The England of Elizabeth: An enlarged version of Wilfred Mellers's book Vaughan Williams and the Vision of Albion and a new collection of essays edited by Lewis Foreman appear in literary support. Meanwhile Connock contemplates a third festival of the composer's choral music - "at least 30 pieces no one ever hears".

• Richard Hickox conducts Sir John in Love on Sunday (3.30pm) at the Barbican (0171-638 8891)

Pared right down to the singing bone

KENT NAGANO and the Halle Orchestra are making a niche for themselves, it seems, by restoring discarded versions of tter known in revised form such as the four-act Billy Budd they performed and recorded last May, and now their original three-movement version of Mahler's Das klagende Lied.

In that the work has never been heard before as Mahler first scored it in 1880 not only with the opening movement he excised 13 years later, but also with the extravagant orchestration he reduced at the same time — it was a first performance of a kind. Certainly, it attracted an impressive representation of Mahler experts to the Bridgewater Hall, provoked a companion symposium on Mahler the Revisionist and inspired a handsomely produced (if not entirely helpful or uniformly well written) programme book.

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But the opportunity to hear this remarkable score was welcome. There is scarcely one sound or gesture — bar those with direct Wagnerian antecedents — that cannot be traced into future works by Mahler. Obviously, early works such as the Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen and the First Symphony most often come to mind, but some of the musical symbolism retained its significance for decades after that. He would never again demand as many as six harps: he sensibly reduced the requirement to two. And though he remained firmly attached to the offstage

band, he would never again present one in a key a semitone away from that of the instruments on the platform. Another feature he removed was a boy's

voice to represent the singing bone (Mahler's text owes much to the Brothers Grimm) that reveals the bridegroom's guilty secret at the royal wedding feast in the last movement. Listening to this Hallé performance, in which the treble part proved too much for four boys, one can see why. Marina Shaguch no doubt regretted losing this section from the soprano part she is used to. In fact, although Jadwiga Rappe and Hakan Hagegard sang well, and although the orchestral playing was competent and often effective, much work must be done before the performance is recorded.

GERALD LARNER

Artists to their fingertips

tion teams.

This new mood — the return of

romanticism, a freer imagina-

tion encouraged by the fantasy

film industry, whatever it may

be - should certainly increase

receptivity to The Pilgrim's

Progress. Its range of symbolic and metaphysical settings should hold fewer terrors for

today's audiences and produc-

HN HIATT has had his es covered by everyone in Bob Dylan to Iggy Pop from Willy Nelson to da Abdul. He has also vived Little Village, a pergroup whose cohabitees Huded Nick Lowe and Ry

(DAY 100 LD)

The plush decor and pitch-perfect acoustics of Dublin's Olympia always seem to bring the best out of performers, and so it proved with Hiatt and his band, the Nashville Queens.



always recommended Nash-ville-based players, and the quality of the musicianship on show was quite staggering. When you have got guys of this calibre together on stage, there is always the danger that the show will descend into a self-indulgent muso love-in. But David Immergluck (guitar), Davey Farager (bass) and Gary Ferguson (drums) were as tight-knit a unit as one could hope for, their technical mastery embellishing but nev-

er enveloping the songs.

The evocative bedroom angst of Alone in the Dark opened the set, with Hiatt alone with his acoustic guitar, his deep, world-weary rasp sounding as if it swam all the way from the Mississippi. Thereafter, though, his band helped to keep the blues at arm's length, none more so than immergluck, who may look like a roadie for a heavy metal band but whose dexterity on acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin and pedal steel was exceptional.

Indeed, the diversity of instrumentation complemented the variety of musical styles. If rhythm'n blues is the core material of Hiatt's stylistic tapestry, it is also interwoven with the threads of folk, rock and country. On top of that, the wry wit

and gritty edge of Hiatt's lyrics are always apparent. The stirring ballad Lipstick Sunset, for example, strikes just the right balance between the bitter and the sweet Onstage, Hiatt is no mor-

dant malcontent - on the contrary, he seemed to be totally at ease with himself and genuinely thrilled with the hearty applause which unfurled, like a red carpet, all the way back to his dressing

TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's still lifes

MAN RAY: Gift, c. 1958 (replica of 1921 original)

EIGHT years before Man Ray made the first version of Gift Marcel Duchamp decided that ready-made objects could become works of art. Man Ray agreed with this heretical proposition, and duly purchased an ordinary flatiron in 1921. But unlike his friend Duchamp, he could not leave it alone. The flatiron was painted, and inscribed with a title and signature on the handle. Above all, its base was violated with 13 tacks. Glued on head downwards, they jut menacingly from the iron's bottom. An instrument normally meant to smooth and enhance is transformed into a vicious weapon. The tacks stick out in a martial row, ready to attack, pierce

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AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

All dressed up and nowhere to go: Hardy Amies laments the evils of the catwalk in an overview of the fashionable male

ur good old friend The Oxford English Dictionary says that fashion "is conventional usage in dress, mode of life etc. especially as observed in the upper circles of society: confor-

mity to this". In the first five chapters of Colin McDowell's book there is an attempt to sketch in points of fashion in dress. Les Incroyables -18th-century fops whose high col-lars nearly hid their faces — are allowed to have been of English style, as is Beau Brummel. Eventually, on page 63, we are presented with the perfect gentleman in the person of Lord Ribblesdale in the

gear of 1902. We are then treated to two pieces of information on tailoring and cutting cloth. And brought to a gasp by two pages on military style. The first, of course, is Tissot's painting of Capt. Burnaby in 1870. To balance this nonchalant ele-gance we have a grotesque photo-graph of someone called Jimi Hendrix in 1967.

But they are mere repeats of all histories of fashion. We see royalty dressed up in pictures we have all

Striving for style is never in vain

obsessed with catwalk clothes. It would have been witty if he had noticed that the Henry VIII's and the Sun King's all dressed for the catwalk display at Court.

But catwalk shows are the enemy of good fashion. When I entered the London fashion trade in 1934, the leaders were Norman Hartnell and Victor Stiebel, joined a little later by the Irish-Parisian, Edward Molyneux. I was a junior. But I had a "house" model. All the serious houses had these. When milady asked to see the suits (coats and skirts, please) the house girls THE MAN OF FASHION Peacock Males and Perfect Gentlemen By Colin McDowell Thames & Hudson, E29.95 ISBN 050001797

out down their knitting and gave the customer a private showing, with everything worn at the level of the floor of a private house. Catwalk shows give a totally strange view, a look upwards of some distance, totally alien to that



عكد امن رالإصل

Swells and dandies: Cruikshanks's satire of male vanity (1821)

shows are only to advertise a name. which can be put on articles like handbags and lipsticks: nothing wrong in that. But one must be amazed when a whole look is ultimately devoted to the practice.

We all know now that catwark 51st year, and it flourishes, My design team know that one of my sayings is: "A dress is not a dress until it is sold." Few dresses are sold from catwalk shows.

I have spoken of the half-hearted attempt to review a history of book is surprisingly unfair on London's clothes today for men: English handmade suits are still among the finest in the world. The Italians, who have little sense of tradition, spend a lot of money advertising and staging catwalk shows. Their clothes are probably the best "factory-made" clothes in the world. But we English fell down when lighter-weight cloth became desired. Mr McDowell speaks little of

the suit. He fails to point out that within the lifespan of the modern suit design - now nearly 200 years - it is possible to have many totally correct variations. The suit shown on page 139 and attributed to the Italian Litrico is in fact the Scottish gillie suit worn by Prince Albert for shooting in Scotland.

I spent a lot of time in Venice in the Fifties, where it was wonderful to see the care the men took to appear clean-shirted, their clothes pressed. Also one saw at once that the "popo" — the bottom — was honoured and not just passed over quickly as it was by prudish English tailors. Colin McDowell praises the German Boss. So do L His well-made suits follow the rules of English tailoring as it was in 1660.

Colin McDowell makes no mention of manners: that it is very bad manners to appear for the first time as a guest in a house without a tie unless your hostess tells you to come "casual". Mr. McDowell also overlooks how well-dressed workmen now are. The sun of this summer has produced some stunning torsos. Gone is gentility for both sexes. I can remember crossing sweepers in bowler hats.

The cover of the book is a warning. I cannot imagine where such an outfit could be worn. It is pure fancy dress -The Leopard Man. Does the book claim to record the clothes of these times? Will it be quoted in 50 years ime? Is it to guide the young and instruct the aged? It will go down in my view as the ugliest book on fashion published in this century.

Sir Hardy Amies's The English man's Suit is published by Quartet, priced £14; a German edition will be launched next month.

An artist on her own terms

The serious question raised by this biography of Vigee Lebrun is an aesthetic one: What makes

a good painting?
Throughout her working life Louise
Vigée Lebrun was famous. She was born in 1755 into a painter family of no great renown; her early talent was prodigious and by her twenties she had her salon and a growing number of wealthy clientele. For the next 60 years she painted the portraits of the titled and rich of Europe. Her pictures cost more than those of David, who did not like her but openly respected her work.

As a woman she was not allowed formal training. Male critics of her work complained that she could not draw. Nevertheless, she became the foremost portrait painter of her day and one of the four women admitted to the Academie. She learnt the mechanics of her trade from family and friends, and, as she admitted, from the marvellous supply of

Old Masters her husband, a dealer, bought and sold. It is possible she connived with him over a few fakes, inchuding his discovery of a "lost" Vermeer.

While her husband enjoyed the high life, Louise insisted on simple tastes and an absolute commitment to her work. Simple tastes, so able at the time -Marie Antoinette play-

ing at being a shepherdess, Madame du Barry in her muslin shift, all very Rousseau and Natural Man but backed by an extravagance that would soon

trigger the Revolution. If her simple tastes were learnt, her commitment to her work really was natural, though not in any sense that her beloved, but misogynistic, Rousseau would have recognised. When the Revolution divided Paris and exiled or executed most of her patrons. Louise set off for Italy, with her young daughter. with her paintbrushes but without her

husband. Nothing would stop her work.

For the next 12 years she toured Europe, earning her own living, selling certain paintings for her husband (who divorced her while she was away), bringing up her child, and hoping always to be reunited here and there with those tatters of the ancien regime that revolution and Napoleon had thrown all over the world. Louise was that curious mixture, common in artists of all kinds, of radical personal behaviour and conservative politics. As a single parent and a working woman, succeeding outside the boundaries of her sex, she was unstuffy and freedomloving. At the same time she remained a strict monarchist and a believer in the social order she herself transgressed. Were these contradictions muddled thinking or a straightforward selfishness, that needed wealth and power around her in order to make money of her own, or was it her instinct that the arts need stability in order to thrive?

Whatever the reason, her uncritical portrayals of the great and the good, her desire to flatter and please her sitters in paint, is used against her, then and now, by those who dislike her work or her. David called her "a servant of quality". Michael Levey, in Painting and Sculpture in France 1700-1789, dismisses her.

Angelica Goodden makes no wild claims for her subject. Hers is not the kind of history that revises neglect by rewriting the evidence. The facts themselves suggest we look again. If we say that Vigée Lebrun was simply fashionable at the time, do we mean that Post-Restoration France and Victorian England were not subject to fashion? Do

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THE SWEETNESS OF

LIFE

A Biography of

Elisabeth Louise

Vigée Lebrun

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we mean that later judgments are always objective? Can we dismiss her fame across Europe as counting for

Being rather conservative myself, I am not one of those who continually wish to reconfigure the canon by throwing out the famous names and fanfaring the unknown. It is not art that is relative. It is our

sift and weigh when we make our judgments. So often it is ourselves we are talking about, our bias, our fashions and not the painting or the book or the music

So what do we see when we look at her pictures? They are virtuoso pieces. Some of them, like Countess Golovine, in the Barber Institute at Birmingham, are exceptional; they possess an energy and spirit which technique alone cannot counterfeit. They are worth looking at. She is worth knowing.

I blame the Romantics. The concept of genius, the man (and it is a man) unmatched, unrivalled, above all. original has conditioned our ideas about art and how to think about it since the 18th century. We are so preoccupied with genius that we no longer know how to give due to the large body of good work that has always been made and that is vital to culture. Modern criticism veers from the iconoclastic "we're all geniuses anyhow" to the fashionable cynicism of refusing status to anyone. Both doctrines are absurd. This clever and timely biography of Vigée Lebrun — who now has her own room in the Louvre - might make us pause long enough to forget the categories and enjoy the pictures.



A woman's direct gaze: Vigée Lebrun's portrait of Countess Varvara Nikolaevna Golovine

Time to put away childish things

HERE on Earth, Alice Hoffman's twelth, takes as its setting a fictive New England hamlet called Jenkintown, a community still cohesive and remote, a place where memories are long and outsiders destined to retain the label. March Murray, the novel's protagonist, has returned to her childhood home for the first time in 19 years.

Leaving her professor husband (also a refugee from Jenkintown) in California, her sullen teenaged daughter Gwen in tow, she plans to stay a week. She has come for the funeral of the housekeeper who raised her, and to sort through the artefacts of her

But Jenkintown, for all its

rusticity, harbours turbulent forces that threaten the stability of March's small family. There is her estranged brother. Alan, whose ruined life has left him a drunken hermit covering in the local marshas er met; and above all, there is Hollis, her first and abiding love, brought into the Murray home as a charity case when March was II, his past and his origins a mystery, his character tempestuous. When March was 17, Hollis abandoned Jenkintown to seek his for-tune, and she forsook him

waiting. Hollis, now 42, has long since returned to the town in triumph as its wealthiest resident; but the source of his riches is shadowy and he remains a loner and an outsider, tacitly disliked. His only ally is Hank, whom he has raised; his one remaining desire, to reclaim March.

only after three years of

What ensues is inevitable from the outset: March and Hollis resume the course of their passion, while Gwen and Hank find solace together from the joneliness adolescence .

The course of true love rarely runs smooth, and in this instance it runs amok: the darkness of the novel's vision is at odds with the cosiness of

Claire Messud

HERE ON EARTH. By Alice Hoffman Chatto & Windus, £14.99 ISBN 0701166924

Hoffman's storytelling, ad March, like her brother befce doomed to disaster.

Essentially a Gothic tal, Here on Earth is marred 1 part by its children's box prose ("on some crisp Octobr afternoons the whole worl smelled like pie", "The dogs tail wags like mad against the Judge's overcoat"), and in pat by its implausibility. Alars extreme dissolution, Hollis



Hoffman: love run amo

inexplicable menace, Gwe's complicity, March's lack of conscience and her husban's curious passivity - all povoke scepticism about he unfolding events.

The former flaw is responsible for the latter: readers wil. after all, succumb eagerly to illusion if it is carefully custructed. But there is a conplacency in Hoffman's naration, as if she doubted or intelligence or at the leat. presumed our goodwill, aid the result is an unshakeare aura of absurdity around March Murray's trials - anl. in this reader, at least, a bland

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But as to gossip, La Stupenda won't sing

Tor the title of her autobiography, Joan Suther-land has chosen A fides "I remember the heart-break still," she tells us little Prima Donna's Progress. A more of the impact this calamtriumphant progression she ity must have had on the certainly makes, across the psyche of an intelligently alert stage of every great opera house in the world. The prepayoung child. All we are told is that, whatever happens, life ration for each great role she goes on". So this gawky girl sang, the costumes she delighted in, the quality of the other singers, all is meticulously recorded. La Stupenda appears in all her stage glory. Of the woman herself we learn very little. If there did exist moments of personal anguish along this primrose path, she keeps them strictly to herself. We, her readers in this age of wholesale confession

but feel dissatisfied. The death of her father. when Sutherland was a child, could not have left her unscathed: "Death was something I soon had to cope with

and blood guilt, cannot help

... for on my sixth birthday my father died, on returning from his morning swim . . . he had not been feeling too well ... and mother had told him not to go down to the beach and face the climb back but I was anxious to try my new bathers so he decided to go."

ciative of her colleagues, Suth-He died in his wife's arms erland gives no interesting details about individual perand, although Sutherland formers. We are introduced to doesn't tell us this, it would the young Placido Domingo: appear this must have been in The role of Arturo was sung full sight of his young daugh-

Claire Bloom A PRIMA DONNA'S PROGRESS The Autobiography of Joan Sutherland

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with the determined jaw set out on her inevitable path towards a brilliant career. Sutherland was born with perfect vocal cords; she soon developed an innate love of music and was fortunate in having a gifted and supportive mother who recognised her daughter's talents, and knew

how to nurture a young voice. In the choice of her life partner, fate smiled again. Richard Bonynge was to become her coach, her musical mentor, her chief conductor. her husband ... Their partnership will be remembered as one of the most fruitful and mutually supportive in musical history.

All this is related honestly and clearly: but for any further insight into the world she was to make her own, she is reticence itself Although unfailingly appre-

Sutherland: guarded by a splendid young Mexi-can." Splendid indeed! But what was Sutherland's initial reaction to hearing, for the first time, this incomparable young tenor; or performing opposite the most compelling

sexual presence on the operat-

ic stage? Pavarotti fares little

better. "Luciano Pavarotti and I sang together ... Richard had heard Luciano sing an audition in 1963 and suggested he be engaged ... the rest is

in writing of the social sphere to which, as an international prima donna, she had access. Sutherland is equally reserved. "At the house of Noët Coward we met Charlie Chaplin and his wife Oona." (Neither incidentally, listed in the book's index, unlike the Duchess of Windsor, who is.) What did she make of them? Surely there must have been something she could tell us about meeting this extraordinary genius of film and his young and beautiful wife. No comment! 'Had lunch at the Colony and met the Duchess of Windsor we found the Duchess quite charming ... we also admired the Duchess's jewels."

One begins to wonder who could have edited this book; did no one trouble to beseech the author to give her readers a little more information? For opera buffs this must appear unnecessary quibbling. Sutherland's focus is, as many would wish, on the fact of her

magnificent career. Her tone becomes almost a litany: the evocations of roles that had to be learnt (She confesses to a poor memory).

recounting the minutiae of coaching sessions with her husband: recalling the dress rehearsals, the opening nights. She recalls, too, the headlines that greeted her performances: "The Songbird At Her Peak", "Stupendous": "Lucia London Triumph"; "A Norma To Join With The

La Stupenda takes open delight in her amazing reviews. She is winningly feminine, too, in the pleasure she takes in describing her extravagant stage costumes. We get a strong and complete sense of the immense joy and gratification she found in simply performing.

The bel canto repertoire, in which she excelled, had already been revived by her contemporary, the incomparable Maria Callas. Throughout Sutherland's career she had to endure endless comparison with the other great artist of her era,

Callas: La Divina. The goddess of tragic opera. A voice ecstatic, full of sexual agony and passion which could touch the very soul of her audience. Callas was a great actress, a superb interpreter, but her vocal instrument sometimes failed to do the bidding of her emotional demands.

Sutherland: La Stupenda. A perfect instrument for music.

Her voice expressive, surple, secure, radiant, Suther land was a prima donna pur excellence. She was blessed with a strong constitution and jet lag, that spectre troubling most singers, seems to have affected Sutherland very little. Although she had her shareof medical problems - sinis infections, agonising ear infe-tions that left her temporarly deaf, a back condition that necessitated wearing an incomfortable steel corset in stage - Sutherland very facly had to cancel a perfer-

mance,

learly a generous ofleague, always indebiigably searching ater vocal perfection, her carer stretching over four decades. Sutherland will be remebered with Maria Callas as the list of the great prima domnas of the 20th century. As Martia Graham described her visian of a dancer as "an athlete of God", so perhaps is the divise interpreter of song. When questioned about her private life, the actress Lillian Girli tersely replied that the artistis his art. To anyone fortunate enough to have seen Dane Joan in her great roles Lucia, Norma, Alcina Gish's answer is clear. Readers expecting personal reveations, look elsewhere.

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the height of railway mania. 425 new railway companies were incorporated in Britain, with a total proposed capital of £213,556,000. This was equal to two thirds of the value of all exports for 1846. By comparison, the value of gold held in the Bank of England in

June that year was £16.6 million.

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Many more lost them — swindled
by unscrupulous buccaneers who talked up the benefits of circuitous lines linking small towns that would never generate enough revenue, or caught up in pyramid schemes paying dividends of at least 10 per cent from capital, even as it was pouring in. Laisser faire, the enduring political credo of Victorian England, ruined any change of a planned national rail network. Instead it was a case of first come, first cities served. The pioneering companies began with virtual monopolies, and quickly made money as goods and freight deserted the canals and turnpikes.

But with the nation won over by the marvels of steam locomotion. everyone wanted to join in the boom. All new construction involved the purchase of land, often in the teeth of opposition by the land-owning peers, and so an act of Palliament was needed for each The House was soon swamped with proposals, many quite impractical. And in 1848,

RAILWAYMEN, POLITICS AND MONEY By Adrian Vaughan John Murray, £25 ISBN 07195 51501 THE OXFORD COMPANION TO BRITISH RAILWAY HISTORY Edited by Jack Simmon and Gordon Biddle

while Europe erupted in revolution. Parliament spent most of its time arguing the merits of this or that harebrained rail project.

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Adrian Vaughan has wonderfuly brought to life the intrigues, swindles, and sharks of the period. He draws an unsympathetic portrait of George Stephenson: a visionary engineer, admittedly, and a dogged lighter for the right solution, but a rough, mean and unscrupulous man who antagonised many.

He has more time for Hackworth, the brilliant, but now forgotten, locomotive designer, or the upright Huish, a pioneer of corporate management and one of the few honest men in railway management. The towering figure of the time was George Hudson. who raised huge sums and laid hundreds of miles of track through

outrageous daring, a builying boor-ishness combined with vast stamina and tremendous power of organisation. Vaughan has a sneaking admiration for this Robert Maxwell of the railways: but when the crash came, ruining the stock market amid abject national contrition for reckless speculation, Hudson was the scapegoat. His shenanigans were exposed and he went into exile in Paris.

When railways began, they were far from safe. They were also insanitary, dirty and uncomfortable. Ruthless competition produced wide divergences: extraordinary luxury on some lines, bankruptcy on others. Vaughan is unsympathetic to the free-for-all, seeing ironic parallels with today's return to private railways. He traces, in encyclopaedic detail, overexpansion and bankruptcy that led to the inevitable amalgamations. But for the fascinating detail of how lines performed, the worst accidents, crime, construction, routes, tunnels, rolling stock, steam design and every aspect of railways - the most successful British industrial invention of all time - the Oxford Companion is invaluable. It is written with economy, clarity and encyclopaedic authority: the kind of book any enthusiast should have always at his side for constant reference and enjoyable dipping



Paddington Station during the General Strike, 1926. (From Station to Station by Steven Parissien published by Phaidon at £39.99)

Slices from a prime cut

istory, according to John Major's friends, would always be ander to the former Prime Ninister than his colleagues were. This first authoritative. and authorised, account of Najor's Premiership Clio, if not kind, is at least undersanding. It is difficult for any author to pass definitive judg-nent on the Major years while le wounds still gape, which is by Anthony Seldon does not but he does present a a troubled administration ch seeks to understand nd empathise where others found it easy to condemn.

The Major years are destiled to be remembered as a cdia to the Thatcher decade, as a melancholy Staying On after the loss of The Jewel in the Crown, and it is against Mrs Thatcher's example that pditical leadership in Britain is now judged. At the last election both Tony Blair and John Major fought a war of succession to be acknowledged. as her real son. Seldon shows that in one respect, at least, Blair was the true heir.

Mrs Thatcher made politics dusade. For Tony Blair, too, there is a cross on his chest, a valiguard, and the enemy. John Major had no taste for refolution, no time for ideology. He protested in office that he was a practical politician whose mission was management. And that was his undoing.

Seldon reveals that Major ame to office with no vision for Britain and never subsequently acquired one. On the light that he became Prime Minister he attempted to draw



Thatcher's sons: Blair and Major, November 1994

Michael Gove

JOHN MAJOR A Political Life By Anthony Seldon Weidenfeld & Nicolson, E20 ISBN 0 297816071

childhood experience rather than guided by a philosphical

Influenced by his family's downward mobility in his youth, he made his central ambition the reduction of inflation. As an aim it was, in itself, laudable but limited and in its inflexible pursuit the pound was kept in the straitjacket of the ERM until the humiliation of Black Wednesday.

Seldon's account of that day is gripping, pacy and revela-tory. He employs anecdote, analysis and deft narrative control to excellent effect. Seldon's most significant discovery in his account is the up a list of priorities rooted in news that Major overruled his

Chancellor at lunchtime on Black Wednesday to insist that interest rates rise from 12 to 15 per cent in a forlorn effort to stave off the inevitable ejec-

Major bowed to pressure from the Cabinet's pro-European big beasts, Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke, to go the extra kilometre for the sake of Europe even though the Treasury knew the only beneficiaries would be the speculators. The other area where the

child was the father of the manifesto was Ireland. Seldon reveals that Irish neighbours gave the young Major an affection for the island which encouraged him to make peace a priority. Major, admirably, felt that there should no more be an acceptable level of violence in Ulster than in Surrey. Regrettably, he chose not to govern Ulster, like Surrey, as fully part of the United Kingdom in accordance with democratic

Seldon provides a comprehensive and, at times, absorb-ing account of Major's attempts to bring peace to Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, as the collapse of the last IRA ceasefire showed, no amount of grit or honey can make a policy of reconciling irreconcilables work.

In Ireland, and elsewhere, a deliberate eschewal of a gov-erning gameplan, in prefer-ence for painstaking work on the detail, marked the Major administration and it also, appropriately, characterises Seldon's book.

Every significant domestic

player has been interviewed, and particular attention has been paid to the perspective of the adept Downing Street insiders such as Sarah Hogg, Christopher Meyer and Roderic Lyne. Skilled at process rather than driven by principle, calm hommes d'affaires rather than ideological francs-tireurs, they were men and women among whom Major felt comfortable and whom he came to impress.

lthough Seldon honest ly captures the social insecurity of the Boy from Brixton, which led him to detect personal slights in straightforward criticism, the author also succeeds in portraying a Prime Minister who, while no intellectual, was far more intelligent than his detractors maintained. Seldon's account will not convince those detractors, of whom this reviewer is one, who find fault with Major's instincts not his intellect, but as a sympathetic inside account of a decent man adrift, this life provides fasci-

Erica Wagner remembers her favourites on National Poetry Day

BE CAREFUL: people might think you've gone mad. I've decided I don't mind the stares as I walk down the street. Don't you stare at people who talk to themselves? You wonder, don't you, if they're not, well . . . a little cracked.

But I will confidently assert that I am quite sane. I am not debating with my inner de-mons, or questioning an angel at my ear. If you walk quite close behind me, you might hear what I say: "God rest that wicked woman,/ Queen Jeze-bel, the bitch/ Who peeled the clothes from her shoulderbones/ Down to her spent teats..." (It's a sunny day; I

feel fine and I swing my arms); or — "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,/ And sorry I could not travel both and be one traveller/ Long I stood and looked down one as far as I could/ To where it bent in the undergrowth." (The sky is grey; I feel a little pensive.) I

have been memorising poems. Memory has been called an art, but it is also a tool. It is useful to remember things: where you left the car, your mother's birthday, the number on your passport. Like all tools, it will grow rusty from lack of use, and the 20th-century memory may be in danger of seizing up. When feats of memory - all of Virgil recited backwards, line by line were practised by ancient orators, their prodigious work was spurred by the knowledge that the poet's works were not available in paperback. Now there is no need to know him

by heart. Or is there? Ted Hughes clearly thinks there is, although he merely informs us briskly that "there are many reasons for learning poems", before launching into the Hughes Method of

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the punishment of learning by rote in favour of the more ancient system of learning by image espoused by Cicero and Thomas Acuinas

For each line of poetry, work out a picture in your head: link the nictures: let the rhythm do. the rest. So: a cat and a hedgehog yowling at a harper, who escapes their cries by dancing round a cauldron. There is the witches' curse from Macbeth: "Thrice the brinded cat hath mew'd./ Thrice and once the hedge-pig whin'd./ Harper cries: Tis time, tis time./ Round about All right, at first it seems a

bit of a pain. You have to add your own creativity to that of the poet. But that, as Hughes points out, is just it: the memoriser's input fixes the image far more firmly than numbing repetition. Add to that the "physical momentum of inevitability", the rhythm of unbeatable combination. It is noticable that where rhythm is subtler — Eliot's La Figlia Che Piange vs. F.R. Higgins's Song for the Clatterbones (which takes on Jezebel) - the task takes longer.

But to return: why under-take the task in the first place? Hughes's choice, if not his introduction, gives a hint. The same names appear again and again: Blake, Frost, Shakespeare, Eliot, Dickinson (is it worth mentioning that, but for Emily D. and one each from Elizabeth Barratt Browning and Stevie Smith - unless we

hold out hope for Anonymous

— it is an almost entirely masculine collection? What the heck...). Here, yes, is Jabberwocky, but here for the become part of what is called the canon: and if you have ever wondered why this is so, try Hughes's method and you

There is a reason, I discovered, when I took to reciting Robert Frost through Shoreditch, that such things are not learnt simply "by mind": Hughes's selection will work its way into your blood. And then you may find yourself branching out (or compiling your own selection, as pub lisher John Murray has in his Old Chestnuts Warmed Up. John Murray, 59.95), returning to dusty volumes on your shelves, picking up new ones: try something from Paul Muldoon's anthology, The Faber Book of Beasts, £14.99 (plenty of images there) or the latest issue of Index on Censorship, Banned Poetry (£7.99) - spread the word by mouth.

Hughes's little volume is a reminder and a gift. Take his words to heart. And if I see you on the street, muttering under your breath, I promise not to think you mad.

Caught spying behind the curtain

DURING the Second World War the KGB began calling its mpst important British agents all young Cambridge graduates recruited in the mid-1930s - The Five After the 1960) release of the popular Western. The Magnificent Seven, they became known as The Magnificent Five".

The first of the five to be publicly identified were Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, who fied to Moscow in 1951. After Kim Philby defeated in 1963, he was christened the "Third Man" by the media. Anthony Blunt similarly became known as the "Fourth Man" on being unmasked in 1979. The fifth and last to be named was John Cairricross, whose identity was discovered by Oleg Gordievsky, a British agent inside the KGB, and included in he history of the KGB

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view with Cairneross, "YES, I'M THE FIFTH MAN". Cairneross's posthumouslypublished memoir repudiates the interview and denounces the description of him as the Fifth Man. Even his own. somewhat economical account however, confirms the KGBs' judgment that he was one of the five leading British agents of his generation. Of the five, only Cairneross

served in the most important -it: shed in 1990. 'or the Mail on Sunday of the British wartime intelligence agencies, Bletchley

Park, which broke the German Enigma ciphers and Ultra intelligence. Philby, by contrast, was turned down by

Bletchley Park. By providing the KGB with "Ultra" intelligence on the Eastern Front, Cairneross became, by his own reckoning "the man who changed the course of World Save for "changing the course of World War Two".

Cairneross downplays his career as a Soviet agent. He claims that he was "trapped" into recruitment in 1937. though he accepted KGB money soon afterwards. After the war, he says that his contact with the KGB was "merely formal". His controller, Yuri Modin, insists that, on the contrary, he was "overjoyed by the quality" of Cairncross's postwar intelligence.

The most controversial part of Cairneross's career as a Soviet spy concerns his role as private secretary to Lord Hankey, one of Churchill's ministers, from 1940 to 1942 Hankey chaired the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). which discussed plans for the first atomic bomb. Cairneross admits that he "had no difficulty in having access to the secret papers in Hankey's office", and that from June 1941 he regularly plassed some reads like a textbook case of

of these papers to his KGB Modin's memoirs say that

Cairneross's documents included the first news of the Anglo-American decision to build the atomic bomb. Cairneross denies it. He



Cairneross: "Fifth Man"

claims that SAC minutes which show him as joint secretary are mistaken. Since, however, he had easy access to Hankey's SAC files, it makes little difference whether or not he served as secretary. On current evidence, Cairneross still appears the most likely source of the SAC material which reached Moscow. The Enigma Spy sometimes

psychological denial. Cairncross maintains that he has "nothing to regret". Yet the fact remains that in 1937, in the midst of Stalin's Terror. he misguidedly became the agent of an intelligence service which ran the biggest peacetime gulag in European Cairneross casts around for scapegoats. Top of his list, for

"exposing" him in 1990, are Gordievsky and myself, against whom he makes a series of inaccurate allegations. Both MI5 and the KGB. he complains, have treated him outrageously. Cairneross was no stage villain. But he does not quite

merit the 1986 tribute by Graham Greene with which he begins his book, praising him as "a man of complete honesty on whose word I would absolutely rely". That was not the view of those colleagues whose papers he passed to Moscow or of the court which in 1982 found him guilty of smuggling currency across the Italian-Swiss

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Power to obtain waste regulation information

In re Green Environmental Industries Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

Judgment July 30l Powers under section 71(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 enabled a waste regulation au-thority to obtain information that it reasonably considered it needed The mere fact that the provision of the information might assist the authority to establish a criminal offence against the provider of the information could not have been intended to provide a reasonable excuse for not providing it.

One main purpose of providing a waste regulation authority with the powers under section 71 must have been to enable it to collect information which would provide evidence in a criminal prosecution. That that was what Parliament intended could be further deduced from the fact that under section 69

the offence for non-compliance was also "failure without reasonable e". It seemed clear, in the light of section 69(8), that it was not intended in that context that self-incrimination should be a reasonseemed unlikely to mean some-The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Green Environmental dustries Ltd and Mr John Moynihan from the dismissal by the Oueen's Bench Divisional Court on July 12, 1996, of an application for judicial review on the grounds, inter alia, that the powers under section 71 could not lawfully be invoked for the purpose of conducting investigati into alleged criminal conduct.

Section 69 of the 1990 Act provides: "(I) An inspector may . . . exercise any of the powers specified in subsection (3) below for the purpose of — (a) discharging any unctions conferred or imposed . . . on the secretary of state . . . a waste regulation authority or on the

"(3) The powers of an inspector ... are (a) at any reasonable time ... to enter premises which he has reason to believe it is necessary for

"(8) No answer given by a person in pursuance of a requirement imposed under subsection 3(i) above shall be admissible in evidence in England and Wales against that person in any

Section 71 provides: "(2) For the purpose of the discharge of their respective functions ... (a) the secretary of state, and (b) a waste

Nomadic Navigation Co Ltd

The parties to an arbitration agreement to which the Arbitra-

ion Act 1979 applied, entered into

before the occurrence of a dispute

or the making of an award, could

by that agreement dispense with

the need to obtain leave to appeal

Mr Justice Colman so held in the

Oueen's Bench Division when sing the appeal of Poseidon

Schiffahrt Gmbh against an arbitration award of Mr Bruce

Harris brought against them by Nornadic Navigation Co Ltd.

The time charter under which

Before Mr Justice Cohnan

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to the High Court

regulation authority, may, by no-tice in writing served on him. require any person to furnish such information . . . as the secretary of state or the authority ... reasonably considers he or it needs. "(3) A person who — (a) fails,

without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement ...; or (b) in furnishing any information ... makes any statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular ... shall be liable — (i) on summary convic-tion, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; (ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not

cceeding two years..."

Mr Simon Stafford-Michael and Mr Paul Bowen for the applicants: Mr Whold Pawlak for the waste

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that in June 1955 Hertfordshire County Council, a waste regulation authority, were alerted to certain lorry trailers and con-tainers in premises in Hoddesdon which appeared to contain clinical waste, that is, waste which had

come from bospitals. In mid-November 1955, further lorries containing clinical waste were discovered in a car park near Hatfield. The authority believed that the applicant company, under the control of the second applicant, were responsibile.

The authority were concerned whether the applicant company and Mr Moynihan might not have committed a criminal offence under section 33 of the 1990 Act, in that it appeared that they did not have licences to carry or dispose of controlled waste.

The authority sent a letter to the applicant on November 23, 1995, which concluded by saying that they were investigating the circumstances of the waste deposits with a view to possible criminal proceed. ings and that an officer of the applicant company would in due course be invited to attend for an interview which would be carried out under caution and pursuant to the Police and Criminal Evidence

A second letter was sent to the applicant company on December 8, 1995, which included a requisition under section 71 of the 1990 Act and contained searching ques-tions relating to the identities of those who had supplied the waste. waste, those who had handled the

waste, together with particulars of sites used for the storage of waste. The letter concluded by pointing out that failure to comply requisition or to give false and misleading information was an

the parties had arisen included a

provision by which the parties agreed that an arbitration could be

Section 1 of the 1979 Act pro-

vides: "(3) An appeal under this section may be brought by any of the parties to the reference — (a) with the consent of all the other

parties to the reference; or (b) subject to section 3 below, with the

Section 3 provides: "... (a) the

High Court shall not, under sec-

tion 1(3)(b) grant leave to appeal

with respect to a question of law

arising out of an award ... if the

parties to the reference in question

have entered into an agreement in

leave of the court."

appealed to the High Court.

with fines up to £5,000. By a letter dated January 3, 1996 the applicants' solicitor said that before his clients could consider answering the questions, they wished to inquire what safeguards were in place to prevent a breach of the right not to incriminate oneself. In particular the authority were asked to confirm that the answers to the requisition would not be used in any prosecution save for an

offence under section 71(3)(b). in a reply dated January 7, 1996 the authority indicated that they would insist on standing by the section 71 notice and that a failure to respond would result in crim-inal proceedings.

On January 25, 1996 the au-

which was not answered. Thereafter, the authority preferred informations against the ap-plicants alleging that they had failed without reasonable excuse to comply with the requisitions. The summonses were adjourned pending the outcome of the application.

His Lordship said that the protection given by section 69(8) of he 1990 Act was only given to the individual who answered the questions. Thus only if Mr Moynihan were on the premises and availwere on the premises and avair-able to answer could there be any question of the subsection apply-ing and only then to prevent the evidence being admissible against him personally as opposed to the

company.

Answers from other individuals would, subject to the court's power to exclude under section 78 of the 1984 Act, be admissible against both Mr Moynihan and the

The protection given by section 69(8) only applied to oral answers given by individuals, and in no way applied to documents ob-tained. Furthermore, subject again to section 78 of the 1984 Act the subsection did not prevent the use of the information for the purpose of investigating other means of proving a criminal offence.

The protection given was not against answering the question at l: only against its use in evidence. Parliament had considered what given in the section 69 context, and accordingly, it could be said with force, must have had the point in mind in providing other powers to raste regulation authorities. For those and other reasons, his

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Beldam agreed.

Mr Michael Collins, QC, for the

appellant, Mr Andrew Baker for

the respondent.

Solicitors: Le Brasseur J. Tickle: Dispensing with need for leave

Solicitor need not pass on information

poration plc v Giffen Couch & Archer (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord

Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Dudoment June 181 A solicitor, who acted for the borrower and the lender on a remortgage, was not under a duty

to pass on to the lender informa-tion he discovered in respect of arrears on the borrower's mortgage account with his previous lender and of the threat of legal proceedings, unless instructed by he lender to do so.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of Giffen Couch & Archer, the defendant firm of solicitors, against the judgment of Mr Graeme Hamilton, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division (The Times December 31, 1996), when he allowed a claim by the plain-tiffs. National Home Loans Corporation plc, a centralised lender for residential mortgages, ainst the defendants for the loss of £74.110 arising from the remortgage of a property, where the defendants acted for both the

intiffs and the borrowers. Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC and Miss Elizabeth Weaver for the defendants; Mr Daniel Serota, QC and Mr Peter Kirby for the

SON said that the plaintiffs, unlike high street banks and building societies, operated from a single location and depended on in-troductions of clients by

Part of their business came from remortgage transactions, such as when house owners with existing mortgages wished to take advantage of rising house prices to raise money by borrowing more on the security of their houses. The plaintiffs operated a self-

certification scheme whereby the borrowers word as to income and good conduct as mortgagors was accepted, a reference from the

The plaintiffs were far from being alone among lenders in adopting such a scheme. Their witness at the trial below accepted remortgage and were in financial difficulties under an existing mortgage stood a greater chance of success in applying to the plaintiffs than a lender requiring indepen-dent verification of the information supplied by the intending

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When the borrowers applied in February 1989 to the plaintiffs for a loan, the application form did not ask for the name of the borrowers employers, nor were they required to give details of their previous lender except their name and account number, nor were they. asked to state the purpose of the

The borrowers confirmed that they had never been in arrears by more than one month with any existing or previous lender, and that there had never been any county court judgment recorded against them

However, the borrowers were in arrears, in excess of £4,000, for more than one month with their current lender, Tamar Mortgage Co Number One Ltd, also known as Western Trust, and there had been a county court judgment recorded against them in respect of water rates, subsequently paid off, which the plaintiffs discovered after a credit search.

The plaintiffs made no further inquiries to check the accuracy of other statements by the borrowers. It appeared that they relied prin-cipally on the fact they were lending only 75 per cent of the value of the mortgaged property as providing protection in the event of

The plaintiffs offered the borrowers a loan of £92,114, and instructed the defendants, who acted for the borrowers, to act for them also. They sent them details of the mortgage offer and other documents and instructed them to investigate the title to the property and to advise if any condition of the offer of loan or any condition of the instructions had or could not be complied with.

quickly fell into arrears. The property was sold for £70,000 by the plaintiffs in April 1992. On the plaintiffs' printed form dants were asked to certify, inter alia, whether they were aware of

After completion, the horrowers

to the date of the offer of loan. They were also required to: obtain a clear bankrumtev search. but not to report on the state of the account on any existing mortgage. Nor were they sent, and they did commercial lenders, provided not see, the borrowers' application

By May 1989 the defendants were aware of the borrowers' arrears on the previous mortgage, but they did not pass on to the plaintiffs that information or the mplied threat of legal proceedings. Completion had to take place June otherwise the matter ould be placed in the hands of Vestern Trust's solicitors.

The judge found that if the plaintiffs had been so informed before completion, they would not have made the advance to the borrowers. It was common ground before him that the defendants owed the plaintiffs a duty at common law and under the Supply of Goods and Securities Act 2 to use reasonable care and skill, and that was not affected by the fact that they owed the like duty to the borrowers.

He approached the issue of liability by posing the question whether a solicitor instructed by a mortgage lender was under a duty n contract and/or tert to inform his client if he discovered that the proposed borrower had a had record with the previous lender. His Lordship had no doubt that was the wrong approach. As was said in Midland Bank Trust Co. Ltd. v Hett Stubbs & Kemp [1979] Ch 384, 402), the extent of a solicitor's duties to his client de-

pended on the terms and limits of his retainer and any duty of care to be implied had to be related to what he was instructed to do, and Lord Justice Donaldson in Carradine Properties Ltd v D. J. Freeman & Co ((1982) 126 Sol J 157) stated that the precise scope of that duty would depend, inter alia, on the extent to which the client appeared to need advice. The factors relevant to determin

sintiffs to the defendants, any solicitor of ordinary competence the defendants' primary function was to ensure the plaintiffs remortgage on the property; that required that the plaintiffs should receive a good and marketable 2 The plaintiffs, experienced

their own detailed instructions specifying the particular matters on which they required advice. They provided their own form of a report on title which stated precisely what the solicitor was required to certify. Thus, whatever the position in other cases with differing circumstances, there was

limited room for treating the scope

of the duty of care as extending to

require the solicitor to take action which had not been expressly required in the instructions. 3 Apart from the specific matter in the report on title the defendants were required to certify, referred to above, the only action they were instructed to take relating to the borrowers' financial circumstances was to do a bankruptcy search and to report on any matter

4 The defendants were not sent. and were unaware of the contents of the borrowers' application form. 5 The defendants did not know what inquiries, if any, had been made by the plaintiffs.

The judge reached his conclu-sion based on his understanding of Mortgage Express Ltd v Bowerman & Partners (The Times August 1, 1995; (1996) 2 All ER 836, 842).

It was not clear to his Lordship. that the information on the arrears and the threat of proceedings came to the defendants in the course of doing the work they were in-structed by the plaintiffs to do as distinct from coming to them as solicitors for the borrowers seeking to redeem the Western Trust

That information did not relate to title nor to the adequacy of the security nor to any other matter on which the defendants were instructed to report or advise. His Lordship did not accept that in the tances it was clearly of potential significance to the

What was said in the Mortgage Express case was said in the context of the particular circumstances of that case, including the

tained nothing corresponding to the limited certificate required in the present case.

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The judge thought the defendants should not have assumed that the plaintiffs had made inquiries justifying its lending

That conclusion was reached without regard to the relevant factors above which might be seen to justify the assumption, and, further, was inconsistent with the Carradine case and Birmingham Midshires Mortgage Services Ltd v David Parry 8 Co ((1996) 51 Con

His Lordship accepted the sub-mission that the judge failed to see the distinction between points going to security in the event of default on a borrower's personal covenant, and points going to the security was taken by the lender for the performance by the bor-rower of the personal covenant. In the present case, the relevant information had little to do with the security to be taken by the plaintiffs, but was of some materiality to the value of the personal covenant it showed that n the past the borrowers had been

But the transaction was 1 remortgage, as the plaintiffs knew, and on completion the existing mortgage debt would be cleared. They were not concerned to discover what that debt was and whether further moneys were being raised by the borrower by

unable or unwilling to meet their

financial obligations to Western

the remortgage.

The information relating to the arrears was information it would be reasonable to suppose the plaintiffs would have obtained from the borrowers, if not from Western Trust, if it had wanted to

The threat of legal proceedings was no more than that the mater would be put by Western Trust into the hands of its solicitors if the remortgage did not occur on the specified date. His Lordship coud not accept that such information was a material change in the Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lori Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Milis & Reeve, Carr-

Extra month for

Giving child case facts and findings to non-parties MR JUSTICE BENNETT said Ex parte AB and Another (The

local authority involved in care

proceedings in which allegations

of sexual abuse had been proved

information to another local au-

thority, in whose area the perpetra-

tor was residing, specifically for

the protection of children who

might come into contact with him.

essary information local authori-

ties would be unable to carry out

their statutory duties under section. 17 of the Children Act 1989 to

of children in need within their

area and, under section 47 of the

1989 Act, to make inquiries to enable them to decide whether take

action to protect a child at risk of

Rejecting the contention that the case of R v Chief Constable of

North Wales Police and Others,

suffering significant harm.

eguard and promote the welfare

Furthermore, without such nec-

In re L (Minors) (Sexual Before Mr Justice Bennett

[Judgment July 31] In matters affecting children a judge sitting in chambers had power to control to whom and in what circumstances facts given in him should be given to persons or authorities who were not party to the proceedings.

Mr Justice Bennett so held in the MR JUSTICE COLMAN said Family Division when granting an application by a local authority that there would seem to be no policy reason why consent to the that the address of a father, whom he had found earlier to have court exercising the section 1(3) jurisdiction should be restricted to committed serious acts of sexual consent given after the dispute had been referred to arbitration. abuse against some of his children. should be disclosed to it, with leave If the parties to arbitration had agreed in advance, for example, by disclosed to the local authority in agreement, that there be mutual whose area the father was then consent to appeals from any award

without leave, the enforcement of such an agreement would be consistent with the Act. Mr David Bedingfield and Miss Rebecca Brown for the local authority; Mr Alian Levy, QC and Mr Anthony Callaway for the Solicitors: Lawrence Graham;

Times July 14, 1997) was authority that while the potentially serious effect of such disclosure should be for the proposition that the court could only permit disclosure of borne in mind, there was a strong public interest in ensuring that a such information to a specific body for the purposes of a specific ion, his Lordship said that such a curcumscription would he an unwarranted letter on the should be able to disclose that court's discretion.

Semial abuse was a particular evil which, so far as possible. should be prevented before it struck a child.

Even though the father had never been convicted of any sexual offence, having found that he had committed serious acts of sexual abuse against his children and that he posed a considerable risk to present or possible future children of his own, or to those with whom he might be living, it was wholly within the court's discretion to reveal his address, and the findings on sexual abuse, to the relevant local authority. Solicitors: Mr Miles Smith, Croydon: Hill Lawson, Ewell.

Patents Court Practice Notice: Patents 4 in addition to those arrange With a view to making the operation of the Patents Court more expeditious and efficient. Mr Jus-

tice I addie issued in that court on October 1, the following directions: I in view of the current and Court, the following modifications to sittings of the Court would be

2 As from next year, the Patents Court would sit in September. Initially, that extra month of sitting would be reserved for trials and applications with an estimated duration, taking into account any necessary pre-reading by the judge, of five days or less. 3 Patent trials were fixed some months in advance. That had the

effect of filling the bulk of the court's timetable. The court had taken to sitting at 10am on most days of the week to accommodate, and deal rapidly with short applications. That practice would

ments, in future the court would make available a two-hour sig from 9am to llam on Tuesday mornings, so as to speed up the hearing and disposition of slightly more lengthy applications. 5 Parties and their remesentative

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would be expected to continue b any of the applications referred unin paragraphs 3 or 4 above, the parties had to provide to the cours, by not later than 4pm on the preceding working day, all ne-essary documents and skeletin arguments. They should also provide drafts of any order which the court would be invited to make. 6 It was important for the court of be provided with accurate esimates of duration, so that, where possible, more than one applica-tion could be listed for hearing before 10.30am. Parties would be kept to their estimates and, where necessary to achieve that, guilo-tines were likely to be imposed in

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Two jumpers test positive in new outbreak of doping

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A NEW doping outbreak shook British racing last night after it was confirmed that two National Hunt horses were "nobbled" earlier this year with the same illegal drug being used in both cases.

Avanti Express, trained by Charlie Egerton and ridden by Jamie Osborne, was pulled up two flights from home in the two flights from nome in the HMS Exeter Novice Hurdle at Exeter on March 7 — having been sent off an uneasy 5-4 second favourite. A post-race test subsequently found the seven-year-old had been given Acetylpromazine (ACP), a fastacting tranquiliser.

The same drug was discovered in Lively Knight, a novice chaser trained by Josh Gifford and ridden by Leighton Aspell, who was sent off a 7-1 on favourite in a three-runner novice chase at Plumpton on March 29 - but finished a well-beaten second.

The Jockey Club confirmed last nightihat both horses had tested positive to prohibited drugs and a team led by Roger Buffham head of security, is investigating. The trainer and rider of both horses are not the

subjects of the inquiries. Although it is not known if the two cases are linked, there are similarities. While there were II runners in the Exeter race, effectively it was a tworunner face -- between Avanti . Express and the eventual winner, Give And Take, trained by Martin Pipe. The other

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and purposes, "no-hopers", five being sent off at 100-1. By "nobbling" Avanti Express, who opened up at 5-4 on but drifted in the betting, the perpetrators effectively made Give And Take a certainty. Significantly, the winner opened up at 6-4 against bin was backed down to 11-10 favourite with recorded bets of £1,200 to £800, £1,100 to £800, £550 to £400 (three times), £1,250 to £1,000, £875 to £700

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and £500 to £400.

Nap: DOUBLE ACTION (3.00 York) Next best: Ho Leng (2.00 York)

Similarly, at Plumpton, the doping of Lively Knight of-fered an outstanding betting opportunity for those involved. Stormhill Pilgrim, the winner, went off at 9-1 while the third horse, Cruise Con-

trol, was a 6-1 shot. Significantly, the drug administered to Avanti Express and Lively Knight was also used to nobble horses at Doncaster, Yarmouth and Kempton in recent years. Bravefoot and Norwich tested positive to ACP after the 1990 St Leger meeting as did Flying Diva, who ran at Yarmouth during the same season. Her Honour, a Triumph Hurdle

contender, was doped before running at Kempton in 1993. Jamie Osborne, rider of Avanti Express, said last night it was "plainly obvious" all was not well with the horse during the Exeter race.

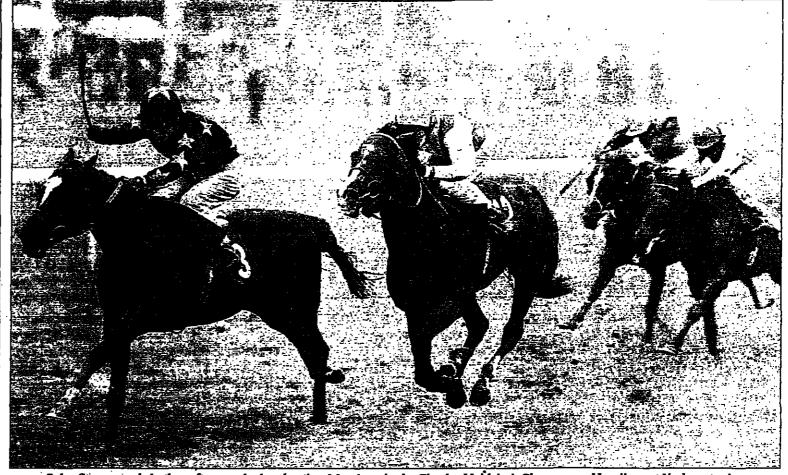
"Having ridden the horse in all his races beforehand there had been a pattern and every-thing he did that day did not fit into that pattern at all. I always felt he was a good horse and I thought he would win the race beforehand.

"To be perfectly honest, I could have pulled him up after jumping two flights of hurdles that day. With that in mind I was as easy on him as I could be because something was obviously amiss.

"It came as a surprise when I heard what had happened. But thinking back on it, he was a very, very dead, lifeless horse. If that kind of thing is going to happen, he fitted the

"He had always been a bit keen in past. On that day there was a delay at the start and we walked round several times. Under normal circumstances I would have expected that sort of thing to have buzzed him up and made him extra keen and hard to settle.

"Instead. I found myself trotting him around trying to wake him up because he just felt so dead. He jumped off and instead of spending the first furlongs trying to settle him I was just trying to get



Solar Storm revels in the soft ground when beating Mawingo in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Handicap at York yesterday

Second Empire faces searching test

By CHRIS McGrath

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GODOLPHIN has acquired classy fillies in Embassy and Cape Verdi, but still conspicuous by his absence from the Dubai team is a colt with pretensions to winning the 2,000 Guineas when they return in the spring. The next ten days seem guaranteed to reveal Europe's champion two-year-old for 1997, and he is unlikely to be carrying the Maktoum

On Sunday, Second Empire returns to Longchamp, scene of his imperious display in the Prix des Chenes a month ago, to expose his unbeaten record to much softer

since the Arc) in the Grand Criterium. At Newmarket the following weekend, the Thoroughbred Corporation Dewhurst Stakes brings together Xaar, Central Park and Daggers Drawn. Significantly, Second Empire's rivals include Charge D'Affaires, who will provide a sturdy link to the Dewhurst form through his compatriot, Xaar.

By Fairy King out of a half-sister to the dam of Salsabil, Second Empire cost Michael Tabor and his Coolmore associates 1r640,000 guineas. After Second Empire routed Muhtathir at Longchamp, Tabor said: "He's defi-nitely top class. The sky's the limit for this colt, he's surely classic material." Corroboration came from John Gosden, level-headed trainer of the runner-up, describing it as "the best iuvenile race of season".

The Irish colt may encounter the

British-trained Alboostan and Carrowkeel at Longchamp, while the home team includes the unbeaten Bandit D'Honneur, representing André Fabre, as well as Charge D'Aifaires. The latter is the only horse to have beaten Xaar - albeit when things went in his favour at Deauville - but was thoroughly outpaced when runner-up in the Prix de la Salamandre. That was a curiosity by French standards, being set up for

those coming off too fast a pace, but provides the benchmark for the Dewhurst.

Daggers Drawn was limbering up on Newmarket Heath yesterday morning, with an older lead, Clan Ben. Others in action included Singspiel, who will lend further legitimacy to the grandiose naming of the card - as Champions' Day - by trying to retrieve some of his owner's lavish sponsorship in the Dubai

Champion Stakes. Another of Sheikh Mohammed's globetrotters. Clerkenwell, showed himself over a setback when working well on the round gallop with

per's top rating: 3.30 BURNT YATES. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 MULAHEN (nap). 3.30 Mansagem, 4.30 Montecristo.

D-8432 GDOD TAKES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robutson) B Hell 9-10-0 won (F — Firm, good to firm, hard 6 — good S — self, good to solf, heavy). Owner to brackets, Traver Age and weight. Pilder pins any allowance. Timekenper's speed rating.

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2.00 FOURTY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0- £6624: 6) 214vd) (5 numbers) | 101 | 53 | 12 | HQ LENG 20 (F) | A Subme) Miss L Pernat 9-0 | L Distant 88 | 102 | 11 | 225261 BLUE KITE 9 (T Carbe) N Lutroaden 8-11 | J Wesser 92 | 103 | 41 | 43 | MULAHEN 96 (8F) (F) at Makinouri D Morley 8-11 | R Hills 91 | 104 | 12 | 416 | HADAYIC 28 (D.F) (F) at Makinouri D Watering 8-9 | R Hills 91 | 105 | 12 | RANGATRA LJ Robb) M Johoston 8-8 | D Holland | 105 | 12 | RANGATRA LJ Robb) M Johoston 8-8 | D Holland | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 105 | 12 | 10

1996: GREAT OWATION 9-5 L Delton (2-1) L Comani 6 mm FORM FORMS House 1141 2nd to Confirmation in 71 Apr states (good to soit).

Blue Kite best Love Again 11/1 in St Wolverhampton intalden auction (AWI). Mutatinen 33/1 4th to Altradanation in 77 Samdown raiden (good to self.) Hadayik 646 fib to Midnight Live in 11m Donaster group if Elies states good to light Rangatina. Royal Academy colf. half-brother to the useful Rich. In Love. HO KENG a staying-on second at Ayr should appreciate the testing conditions.

2.30 DAVYGATE MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O \$5,952 1m 2f 85yd) (4 runners)

HUNDERER

JOING: GOOD

22,201, 2m 3h (5)

2 REGGE BUCK 176 1 Port R O'Sulfman 9-0 S Sandars
452 SABADELA 17 (Seekh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Destont 87
22- STORIES TO TELL 421 (8P) (Bucksam Oak Holdings) H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon TABERANN (H R M Aga Kosn) L Eureau 9-0 K Oarkey -Sabadula, 5-2 Stores To Tell 3-1 Tabetara 9-2 Reggie Buck. 1996 MAILTICOLOURED 9-0 J Red Levens but M. Sloute 10 can

FORM FOCUS

Reggie Buck 31 2nd to Dokos in 1m Neumantet maiden (good).

Sabandia 52 2nd to Carisbrooke in 115 on Kempton maiden (good to lam). Stories To Tell 21 2nd to Further Outlook in 7361 Beverley narden (film). Tabersano. Doyoun colf out of the winning miler, Tabersa. SABADALLA has solid claims on his Kemplen run

20 its Unbelievable, 2.50 Lombardic, 3.20 rimitive Streak, 3.50 He Knows The Rules, 4.20

2.20 DEAN & DYBALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

SELLING HANDICAP RURDLE (£1,769, 2m 3f) (5 numers)

2.50 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HURDLE

1 O.P. ANTECNA'S TREASURE 27 A Section 8-10-12 P. Holloy — A Thomas — 7 P. Section 18-10-12 A Thomas — 7 P. Section 18-10-12 D. Endywards 77 P.P. 4222 MCARROLL 54 9 Endywards 6-10-12 D. Endywards 77 P.P. 4222 MCARROLL 28 12 B back 5-10-12 V. Section 9-12 C. Lincoland 99 P. VAPORIZI 54 11 Myrds 5-10-12 A Backs 15) — P. VAPORIZI 54 11 Myrds 5-10-12 A Backs 15) — P. VAPORIZI 54 11 Myrds 5-10-12 A Backs 15) — 12 P. VAPORIZI 54 11 MYRDS 11 P. VAPORIZI 54

2 Lectures 9-7 Commental 7-1 September 14-1 Bet Weitsber, 20-1 Original Physics 21-1 Sept. Commental 20-1

3.20 DEAN & DYBALL CHALLENGE TROPHY LOVICES CHASE (23.685 2m 61 110/d) (6)

lature Perfected, 4.50 Steer Point.

COURSE SPECIALISTS Trainers 22.3 18.7 14.4 13.8 13.0 215 18 181 29 23 25 L Dessori T Spraise J Reid Alex Greaves G Parkin J Take 29 35 52 11 22 14 31.0 26.7 25.0 24.3 22.7 19.7

3.00 ESPRIT RATED HANDICAP (£10,255: 61 214yd) (9 runners)

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2461340 DANCING MAGE 12 (D.F.G) (6 Street	bridge) Balding 4-8-73 L Dettorl 97	ł
164-648 SHOCK VALUE 85 (F) (S Hata) M Stoc	2a 3-8-8JReid 92	ı
6-00010 MASTER BOOTS \$1 (D,S) (C Brasher)	D Loder 4-8-7 K Fallon 96	ı
()-41060 WELTON ARSENAL 91 (D.F.S.) (Basines	s Forms) K Bishop 5-8-7 . R Firench (3) 95 b) J Berry 5-8-7 K Darley 94	ı
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DOUBLE ACTION shaped as though this trip would suit when numer-up in the Avi Gold Cup

3.30 GREEN HOWARDS CUP NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £7,044: 7f 202yd) (20 runners)

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(18)	4415	MONSAJEM 28 (BF,D,S) (Godzípbin) S bin Surpor 9-7	96
(9)	510541	FASHION VICTIM 20 (D.F.S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 9-0 A Calhane	93
(14)	9401	NOBLE DEMAND 35 (CD,S) (Mrs A Des) Mrs J Raresden 8-13 J Fortune	98
(6)	443	CANADIAN PUZZLER 11 (Maple Leats) P Harrs 8-12 J Reld	69
(11)	61.	GENEROSITY 38 (D,S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn	90
(15)	0005	MAJOR BALLABY 14 (Winning Post) Mrs S Bramali (Re) 8-11 B Parlin (3)	-
(4)	5540041	BURINT YATES 15 (G) (I Bray) M W Easterby 8-7	腏
(17)	2222100	PANAMA HOUSE 28 (F) (P Expland) T Easierby 8-5 K. Dartey	-89
(3)	040	CHLO-JO 30 (O Arcellage) A Foster 8-2 T Sprake	88
. (19)	040202	REBALZA 21 (B) (Brave Marple Partnership) J Exstada 8-2 J Tate	89
(12)	0000400	OISM 31 (in For The Crack) Mrs P Dutlield 8-0 J Dutino	94
(1)	0600	BRONZINO 14 (Miss 8 Serie) G Balding 8-0 S Drowne	81
. (13)	5430360	LORD OF LOVE 16 (Cumbren Industrials Ltd) 7 Easterby 7-12 L Charmock	29
(20)	000	DUTCH LAD 30 (\$ Dean) M Tomphos: 7-12 Date Gibson	76
m	3000	BAWSIAN 18 (BF) (D Scott) J Eyre 7-11 T WINGERS	79
(8)	6605014	RAPULSE 19 (G) (T Favoreti) Mrs J Ramsdes 7-10	99
Ġ	4401414	MARSKE MACHINE 12 (B.G.S) (Marsha Machine Co) N Timble: 7-10 Kim Timble:	99
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BETTING: 9-2 Monsagem, 5-1 Noble Demand, 6-1 Genesosity, 8-1 The Gloss-Worm, Nebl, 12-1 Fashoon Victum, Burnt Yates, Impulse, 14-1 Cenadian Puzzler, Panema House, Bebatzu, 16-1 others 1998: LOVE HAS NO PRIDE 8-7 Dane O'Neil (7-1) R Hazmon 17 ran

1998: LOVE HAS NO PRIDE 8-7 Dane O'Neil (7-1) R Hamon 17 mm

The Glow-Worm 41 3rd to Lend A Hand in 1m Doncaster nursery (good to limi) with Mousajam (jevels) 71 5th. Parama House (5th better off) 141 15th and Buzz (7th better off) 151 18th. Neith beat Satras 2361 in 1m Sandown matter (good to firm) Fastilon Vactim beat Tearway 4th in 1m Ayr nursery (1m good to soil). Noble Demand beat Ben Rinnes 2 in 1m York nursery (soil). Canadian Puzzler 4 3rd to Gireaway in 1m Nottingham matter (good). Generosity beat 6th 01 6oft neck in 1m Hamilton matter (good). Major Balaby \$5.5th to Close Up in 1m Pontefract matter (good). Generosity beat 6th 01 6oft neck in 1m). Burnt Yyttes beat Montano 2341 in 7t Chester nursery (good). Cito-201 8th to Bristol Channel in 1m Lelectier matter (good to firm). Rebatza 341 2nd to Sick As A Parrot in 1m Yarmouth nursery (good to firm). Bronzhou 3341 7th to Sico Suswe in 1m Goodwood nursery (good). Lord 07 Love 171 11th to Tarastran un 15tm Mottingham nursery (good to firm). Impalse 2341 4th to Petara In 77 Catterick nursery (good to firm) with Bawtsian (11th better off) 4341 7th. Marske Machine 3341 4th to Jungle Sory in 77 Catterick nursery (good).

MCINSAJEM, beaten by the draw at Doncaster, tooks sure to go well

Blinkered first time YORK: 3.30 Rebalza

THUNDERER

(£2,840: 2m 4f) (6)

3.50 DEAN & DYBALL HANDICAP HURDLE

7 3234 TOUCH SEVER 11 (D,S) H Mannes 7-10-0 ... A Dowling (7) -97 9-4 He Knows The Pulses, 5-2 Handson, 6-1 The Mander, 7-1 Nordansk, Berhops Castle, 16-1 Toych Silver, 12-7 Glen Alliage.

4.20 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

4-9 Indian Temple, 8-1 Matura Perfected, 7-1 Take A Figer, 10-1 For Justin, 14-1 Heonero, 20-1 Bargio Boy

4.50 DEAN & DYBALL MOVICES HANDICAP HUMBLE

B-15 Steer Point. 7-2 Fancer's Quest. 10-7 Delos, Woodstock Wanders, Crystal Hagnes

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(52,222-2m 1f 110yd) (5)

LUDEOW

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,234: 2m) (6 runners)

2.10 Miss Ondee, 2.40 Saxon Mead, 3.10 Gysari

3.40 Killing Time, 4.10 Commanche Creek. 4.40 Noble Torn.

2.10 BLANDFORD BETTING JUVENILE NOVICES

8-11 Mass Onder, 7-2 Top Shelf, 5-7 Missly Cay, 8-1 Shver Secord, 33-1 others.

15-8 Saxon Mead, 11-4 Hane A Brandy, 3-1 Can't Say, 11-2 Woose Wander Smoothn Lify, 20-1 Taylors Highliyer.

3.10 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAYERS HANDICAP

HURDLE (£2,717: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

2.40 INVERSHIM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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4.00 RACING CHANNEL CLAIMING STAKES

(£0,204: 1111 21 00y0) (14 fullifies)	
501 (8) 412420- CRAZY CHIEF 405 (8F.F) (D Sreption) P Code 4-9-7	-
502 (13) 1600020 BREAK THE FULES 7 (D.S) (A A Bloodstock List) D Michaels 5-9-0 Alex Greaves	90
503 (9) -040400 MIGHT CITY 5 (S) (N Streid:) X Burke 6-8-10 D Sweeney (3) [14
504 (1) 2045003 ZEDAC 24 (D.F.G) (B Brackpool) P Makin 5-8-10	77
505 (6) 0354140 BEGORRAT 19 (B.G) (M Flynn) D Maffatt 3-8-9 Damen Moftatt (3)	79
506 (10) 010-056 FOXES TAIL 103 (F,G) (Mrs J Hodgson) Mrss S Hall 3-8-9 . C Lowther (5)	91
	79
508 (3) 6035100 EDAN HEIGHTS 19 (D.F.S.) (S.Dow) S.Dow 5-8-6 P.Doe (7)	80
509 (4) 4150-05 PICKENS 13 (F) (Don Enno locisa) Enno Incesa 5-8-6 . Kim Tinider	81
	78
511 (14) 3406 JUGGLER 66 (The Queen) Lord Hardmoton 3-8-3 K Darley	80
512 (2) 60-6050 ORONTES 41 (6) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 3-8-2 J Quergo	85
513 (7) -161023 CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 112 (BF.F) (M Slorges) M Carractio 4-8-1 L Chamock	62
514 (5) 5664310 FALLS O'MONESS 5 (S) (Piquel Opera House) K Burle 3-8-0 J F Egan	82
SETTING: 3-1 Edan Heights, 5-1 Bress The Rules, 8-1 Zidur, Topision 10-1 Begonial, Falls O'Monces, 12-1 la	gh!

Meuthange Claimer (good) Zidac 45ti 37ti to the Distinct in 112-m Nothingham stakes (good to 8mm) Begornat 44ti 8th to Solar Storm in 114-m Any handicap (good to soft). Foxes Tail 23t 6th to Top Jem in 14m Newcasile handicap (soft) Doctor Bravious 111-5th to People Direct in 1m5t Wolverhampston claimer (AW) Edan Heights 24ti 10th to Starp Consul in 14m Newtony handicap (good to 8mm). Pickens 7ti 5th to Tart in 15m Redcar selling handicap (gmod to 8mm). Topatori 11 3rd in Capitano Princess in 144m Ayr fillies handicap (good to 5oft) Champagne Warnor 43ti 3rd to Private Foture in 1m3t Southwell claimer (AW).

ZIDAC will take all the beating it reproducing his best form

4.30 BADGER HILL APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(ED) TO THE OF 120 JULY (ET 10181013)	
601 (10) 5650411 MONTECRISTO 20 (D.F.G.S) (R Guest) R Guest 4-10-0 D McGatin (5)	70
602 (17) 6221163 TARXEN 21 (D.G.S) (D Whyle) K Bunk: 3-9-7 R Warston (3)	61
603 (16) 1231423 CLASSIC BALLET 10 (BF.D.F) (E Carte) R Guest 4-9-5 P Roberts	66
604 (12) 1023102 GOLD DESIRE 19 (C.D.S) (Northgate Lodge) M British 7-9-4 D Memasth (5)	78
605 (3) 452/14- EL BAILADOR 570 (BF,D.F) (Mrs. J Lee) J Bethell 6-9-4	_
606 (14) 2106250 WESTMENSTER 21 (V.D.F.S) (M.Jeolons) M. Tompharc 5-9-1 P Clarke (7)	70
507 (20) 50/4/0- OUTSET 1/3J (M Kliner) M Hammond 7-9-0 P Bradley (5)	_
508 (5) 1361020 HASTA LA VISTA 3 (B.D.F.G.S) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 7-9-0 G Milliosan	66
SOB 41 B2D4455 MARDREW 9 (T Cornors) John Berry 3-9-0 Jo Huzzgen (3)	69
610 (13) 3345612 RECCARTON 16 (F) ft. MacPherson) P Caher 4-8-11 . Kimberley Hart (3)	68
611 (7) 900/0-0 GROOMS GOLD 64 (F) (Mrs P Hanis) P Hants 5-8-11 C Lownter	_
612 (1) 0-031 ZIBETH 15 (D,F) (J Mills) S Dow 3-8-8 P Doe (3)	66
613 (9) 0123005 HEIGHTK OF FAME 5 (D) (D: W Maskenine) J Hetherton 6-8-7 . G Faulkines	
614 (8) 0566050 WHITLEY GRANGE BOY 12 (Mrs C Spics) J Eyre 4-8-4 S Buckley (7)	70
615 (16) 0-3461 NUBILE 87 (D,F) (Windmill Racing) W Musson 3-8-3 J Fowle (5)	71
616 (6) 3050614 TART 3 (F,G) (M Sparle) D Nicholls 4-8-2 A Micholls (7)	72
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618 (15) 0001025 GRAND HOTEL 34 (8) (Now Friends) F Harris 3-7-10	- 186 180
619 (21) 00000 NOTATION 19 (J Chapman) D Chapman 3-7-10	51
520 (19) 000-00 LADY SALOME 121 (5 Cortis) M W Easterly 3-7-10 . S Rincamore (7)	-
627 (2) 0600-04 ALZOTIC 12 (B Parker) J Norion 4-7-10 R Brisland (7)	54
	-
Long handicap: Grand Hole! 7-7, Notation 7-5, Lady Salome 7-5, Altestic 7-3	

BETTING: 5-1 Montecnsto, 6-1 Gold Decire, Tarl, 8-1 Classic Ballet, Tarries, 10-1 Farfields Prince, Hasta Ja Vista Zibeth, 12-1 Riccatton, Nutvie, 14-1 Westminster, 16-1 others 1996: VOCLA PREMIERE 4-9-10 R Mullion (11-2 # lav) M Tomptins 22 ran

Montecristo beat Two Socks 3t in 115m Newbury ladies handicap (good to soft) Taxolen 34d 3rd to Heart Of Gold in 1m7/1 Ayr handicap (good to soft) Taxolen 34d 3rd to Heart Of Gold in 1m7/1 Ayr handicap (good to soft) Classic Ballet 54d 3rd to Totem Dancer in 115m Hamilton handicap (good to soft) 22 mt to Tote Cees in 1m5/1 Ayr handicap (good to soft) Ballador 99/1 4th to Adalosado in 1m3/8 Southwell handicap (4M). Outset 2218 ht to Swedeness-Hessell in 2m9/1 Doncester handicap (soft) Marchew 39/1 5th to Furt Kinapper in 115m Nevemarket handicap (good to firm). Blocarton 4/1 and to Crid Liberty in 115m Notingham amatieur handicap (good to firm). Blocarton 4/1 2th to McGillycuiddy Reeks in handicap 115m Notingham (good to firm). But 58d 17/1 12th to McGillycuiddy Reeks in handicap (good to firm) with Assis La Vista (sevels) 10/18h. Fartfields Prince 44d 3rd to Philmsci in 1m3/4 ary ameteur handicap (good to soft) with Westminster (5th better off) 67/1 ast, Grand Hotel 53d 5th to Certain Magic in 15m Haydock amateur handicap (good to soft). Alzofic 53/1 4th to Devilish Charm in 115m Haydock maden handicap (good to firm) with Whildey Grange Boy (9th better off) 84/1 8th.

GOLD DESREE has a good record here and should go close again

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3.40 RADNOR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

1	500-	WHITE WILLOW 191 (B.F.G.S) I Wall 8-11-	-13 . R Johnson
2	1040	EDWARD SEYMOUR 54 (C.D.F.S) W Jenks	10-11-9 i Jenis
3		BIG PAT 85 P Fccles 8-11-8	. A Maguire
4	0-20	KOLLING TIME 17 (F,S) D Burchell 6-11-7	D J Surchet
5		ROYAL HAND 23 R Armson 7-10-11	Mr R Armson
5	4330	BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 25 (F,6.S) JR Best 11-	TQ-9
			Miss E J Jones (7)
7	-145	DAUPHIN BLEU 27 (6,5) J Bradky 11-10-7	Miss V Roberts (7)

3-1 Bop Pat. 7-2 Edward Seymogr. 4-1 Daugiton Bleu. 5-1 Bright Cappiture 7-1 Killing Time. 8-1 White Wildow. 12-1 Royal Hand.

4.10 BODENHAM ENGLISH WINES NOVICES

4.40 BRIDGNORTH NOVICES HURDLE

- 1	33	לו התאורו ועוב ולאורות זל (מו) או הורלטוומנו ÷- וה-וס ואו או	
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	8	OF PINLEY TITANKA 92 F Junton 4-10-6	R Far
		, 11-4 White Plains, 7-2 Boen The Yard. Noble Tom, 8-1 .	imor i
1	25-1 lbushi	e, 33-1 Severn Möll, Pintey Tillanta	

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 19 winners from 81 numbers, 23.5%, D Burchell, 6 from 34, 17.6%; P Hobbs, 11 from 66, 16.7%, Mrs J Pilman, 5 from 34, 14.7%; W Jepis, 4 from 39, 10.3%. Only qualifiers

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Going, soft 200 (8), 1. SPECIAL TREAT (K. Fallon, 11-2 (20) (8), 1. SPECIAL TREAT (K. Fallon, 11-2 (20) (8), 1. SPECIAL TREAT (K. Fallon, 11-1), 3. Classy Cleo (J. F. Egan, 11-1), 41.50 RAN Estate (5th, 9 Branston Beny, 11 Decert Sand (6th, 12 Ludo, 14 Angel Hill, Composition, Perporti Hill), 20 Decerebee, 33 Really Done it Nov. How Williams 15 ran Hol. 3-1, 3-1, H. 1-1 D. Loder at Newmarkel, 10te 25 20, 22-30. bot 50 Bend Wavy 12 run 11 2*4, *4, 1*4, 1*4, 1*4, 1*4, 1*4; 1*6 Finosa at Modeletam Tote 255 90; 23.00, 22.10. DF 5.59.00 Troc 23.00, 22.30. 22.10. DF 5.59.00 Troc 255.30 CSF £108.97 Tricast £648.94 3.00 (50; 1; 2.00 Finosa 25, 2.00 Fino

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Breathtaking Brazilians blended stamina with style

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hings ain't what they used to be" is a constant refrain in sport. The heroes of the past are always bigger, stronger, fitter and faster, according to those nostalgic enthusiasts who still kick around in the cigarette

card-land of their memories. For them, Bradman would still be hitting his centuries today (and still without a helmet). Paavo Nurmi would still be lapping all-comers (including the squads of Kenyans) on the track, and Pelé would still be showing the world how to play football. But, if you ask the players and coaches of today, they will tell you the truth is very different. They are quick to rubbish the training routines, playing techniques and fitness levels of the past as quaint and

Peter Schmeichel spoke for his generation when he asserted earlier this year that the present Manchester United side would smash Matt Busby's team of the late



Sixties and could easily beat them 10-0. Nobody could prove that he was wrong, but George Best kicked back angrily, saying: "It's a total insult to hear what Schmeichel has said. I doubt if they could beat us by that margin even if they played against us today — Zimmer frames and all.

"Of course, it is impossible to truly compare teams of different eras," he added, though I'm sure one day some computer whiz-kid will make such fantasy football possible. But who can sav who was the best - the Hungarians of the 1950s or

One man brave enough to try is the sports physiologist and former international runner, Joe Dunbar. In the course of research for the Science of Sport exhibition at the Science Museum, he has come across some intriguing files containing physiological tests that were carried out on teams and players of the past. As a result, he has come up

with a remarkable assertion: that the 1970 Brazil football team - the team that defeated Italy 4-1 in the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City to win the World Cup - was not only the greatest team of that era, but may have been the best prepared and perhaps the fittest team of all time.

The fitness of footballers

has long been a subject of study by Dunbar. He acts as a sports science consultant to two professional clubs and a number of Premiership players. In 1995 he presented a paper to the World Congress of Science and Football, com-



Pelé left Italy in awe during the 1970 World Cup final

paring levels of fitness among clubs in the Premiership, the former Endsleigh League and the Vauxhall Conference. When it came to looking at the data on Brazil, Dunbar said he was struck by the remarkably focused approach

that they took to the World

This was partly to prepare them for the altitude of Mexico City, but also to constantly monitor their fitness." The Brazilian players were

Cup tournament, "The play ers underwent 16 weeks in training camps," he said.

regularly tested for speed over

40 metres (with a ten-metre rolling start), for speed endurance (using shuttle runs), for aerobic stamina (using the Cooper 12-minute test of distance covered), for stength and power (using a jump test) and for flexibility. In addition, their blood haemoglobin was regularly monitored.

Training sessions over the 16 weeks usually took place twice a day and included punishing circuit-training as well as football skills. The fitness level of these

players back in the 1970s was amazing and compares very favourably with many international players of today." Dunbar said, "particularly when it comes to stamina. It destroys the myth that Brazil were simply a more skilful side than anyone else. They were well-conditioned and perfectly prepared. You would have a tough time trying to replicate their regime today, particularly in Europe, because of the demands of club football."

included players who became household names the world over - Pelé, Jairzinho, Rivelino and Tostao - and their stamina as well as their style was very much on show during the final. At half-time Brazil and Italy were level at 1-1. But Italy collapsed as they ran out of steam and conced-

hen you see the records in these tests, it makes you realise that they were doing things 20 or 30 years ago that we aren't doing today." Dun-bar said. "To the best of my knowledge there is no centrally controlled fitness monitor-ing of England's national squad - though they used to use Lilleshall as a testing

So in terms of fitness, the Brazilian team of the early Seventies would appear to be better prepared and moniweekend."

Jallester os s under fil Dunbar believes that the most significant factor in Brazil's preparation in 1970 was the 16 weeks that the squad spent in training camps. Shortly before they defeated England 1-0 in the tournament, a Brazilian coach spelf out the message for the Enged three goals in the last half- land manager. "We don't have the same problems as England in getting our players from their clubs. We

simply take them," he said. Because of the World Cup most Brazilian clubs have been without their international stars for many months in the past year. To us the national team must always

come first." Twenty-seven years on the England coach, Glenn Hod-dle, might think that little has changed. When it comes to preparing for a World Cup. we still have a long way to go to catch up with the past.

JOHN BRYANT

JUDO: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN TODAY IN PARIS

Strongman Douillet carries French hopes

By JOHN GOODBODY

DAVID DOUILLET is one of the most dangerous unarmed men on earth. At 6ft 6½ ins and 20st 12lbs, he is slightly larger even than Olivier Merle, and could well be packing down alongside him in the second row of the France rugby

Today, Douillet. 28, defends his world heavyweight judo title on the opening day of the 1997 world championships at the Stade de Bercy, the biggest indoor arena in

The French are looking to Douillet, the Olympic champion, to begin these championships, in which 110 countries are participating, with a victory. Then, if he decides to enter, he could also win the Open category on Sunday, the division in which fighters of all

sizes take part. Judo is hugely popular in France, with 524,000 registered members of the national federation, third in size only to football and skiing. The championships this weekend have been sold out since May. The

the Far East, particularly Japan, which invented it.

In 1961, at the Stade Coubertin, Anton Geesink, the 19stone Dutchman, became the first man to break Japan's domination, when he defeated their three representatives in succession to take the world title. It was the most significant moment in the sport's history and, the next day, the Kodokan, the headquarters of judo in Tokyo, had the atmosphere of a morgue. Few

spoke and no one practised.
It was not until 1979 that Japan produced an apparently invincible heavyweight similar to Geesink, when, again in the Stade de Coubertin, Yasuhiro Yamashita

won the first of four world titles. Now the French have the chance to salute their own champion, a successor to Geesink and Yamashita, and it is an occasion compounded by the relief that Douillet is able to fight again at all after a serious

motoring accident a year ago.

Douillet, riding a motorbike, had collided with a car and suffered shoulder and calf injuries. He

He was unable to compete again until May yet, curiously, the long period of recuperation appeared to revive his enthusiasm, which had flagged immediately after the Olympic Games, in Atlanta last

"At 4 o'clock in the morning, a few hours after I had won the Olympic gold medal, I should have been the happiest of men, shouldn't I?," he said. "But I was sitting on the edge of my bed, my head in my hands, wondering what more I could do in my life. The accident did me some good mentally."

Douillet — the word, inappropri-

ately enough, means "soft" and "delicate" in French — has a firmness of resolve that has impressed Geesink. "It is always difficult to come back after missing several competitions, but Douillet is so good and so strong mentally that he should win another world title." Geesink said.

This is what the French are demanding. Douillet has the resolution and technical ability to fulfil



Howey and Davies hoping for medals

have had a more vexing build-up to the world championships, in which their fighters will be attempting to recover their former distinction after failing to get any medals at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 (John

Goodbody writes). Nicola Fairbrother, the 1993 world lightweight champion, has a damaged shoulder. Her place has been taken by Debbie Allan, who has moved up from the featherweight category in which she took a European bronze medal three

In the light-middleweight category, Cheryle Peel, who has been recovering from a knee injury, was dropped from the team after losing in the Welsh Open on Saturday.

Danny Kingston, the 1996 European lightweight champion, withfrew, blaming poor management for his decision. Kingston, from The Budokwai in London, said: "It is not the coach's fault but, at one stage, we were called to a squad: session with one day's notice. I'm not prepared to go to a world championship where I should get a medal, when I am not properly prepared." Lee Burbridge, of Cov-

entry, replaces him. Despite these absences there are plenty of fighters with sufficient



Howey: back to middleweight

Howey, from Andover, is back to middleweight, in which she won an Olympic bronze medal in 1992 after four years competing as a light-heavyweight. She won at the Tournoi de Paris last February, the most hazardous of all international competitions except for the world championships and Olympics.

Julian Davies, the featherweight from Devizes, has an awkward style that has already brough him a European silver medal. It the women's heavyweights, Mithelle Rogers, from Salford, is only 2 and

Diagram of final position

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CHANGING TIMES

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This was a near play by Tom Hanlon, playing for Ireland against Indonesia in the 1996 Olympiad. (In bridge, as in rugby, there is an all-Ireland team.)

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hearts and switched to the king of clubs (ducked) and another club. Hanlon (South) won in dummy, crossed to the ace of spades and ruffed a heart. After another spade to the king and another heart ruff he was stuck in dummy with no obvious way to back to hand. This was the position:

*AK974 +A82 +82

without. mond ruff. Hanlon avoided this by cashing a diamond before exiting with a club. This play guarded against East having a singleton diamond, a good exhibition of foresight. It a play known as the "Dentist's Coup" extracts (ho, ho) East's exit card (his singleton diamond). ☐ The Times Book of Bridge !

cannot get out of dummy

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PETROGENESIS a. An Arminian heresy b. The Stone Age c. Study of rocks

a. A type of tapir b. A short sword c. A French pidgin

SANCERRE a. A wild cherry b. A wine c. Without serifs

PARSEME b. Part of a signifier



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

impression that the world

Special K Today's games reinforce the

championship should be between Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik. In classically-timed tournament contests, the pair have three wins apiece and Kramnik clearly. has no fear of the champion. These games show Kramnik exerting an iron grip over his opponents from which neither can escape satisfactorily.

White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Alexei Shirov Tilburg, September 1997

King's Indian Defence 30 31

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White: Shaked Tal

Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Tilburg, September 1997

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Buturin — Kozakov, Lvov 1996. Here White broke through with a powerful sacrificial attack based on a number of neat tactical points. Can you

work out his combination?

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Mardman



Ballesteros comes under fire from Woosnam

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE rain that interrupted the Ryder Cup two weeks ago was as much as is needed in golf for a while. Some people have not dried out properly yet. There is no requirement for more rain to disrupt the Toyota World Match Play Championship, which starts

at Wentworth this morning. Yet the signs are not good. The BBC closed-circuit transmission was calling it Wetworth yesterday, which was appropriate. Practically the only things that were moving were windblown leaves. Though a group of golf journalists enjoyed a bus-man's holiday by hacking their way around the decra-ble adjoining East course, the ping form West course was damp and

This autumn classic, which This autumn classic, which has been played here every year since 1964, is often staged on a course that is dressed in the autumnal colours of russet and orange, colours that are heightened by shafts of occasional sun after the early morning fog has disappeared. It does not look as though it will be like that this year. The golf course is going to play very very long," Frank Nobilo

coming in from a



0845 and 1300: J Pamevik (Swe, 8) v I Woosnam (GB). Winner to play E Els (SA, 1). 0900 and 1315: P Mickelson (US, 5)

v F Nobilio (NZ). Winner to play N Price (Zm. 4). 0915 and 1330 B Faxon (US, 6) v D Clarke (GB). Winner to play C Montgomerie (GB, 3). 0930 and 1345: V Singh (Fil. 7) v T Watenabe (Japan). Winner to play S Elkington (Aus. 2).

downpour and shaking himself like a dog that has just been given a bath. Ian Woosnam, speaking

from the experience of competing in 11 World Match Play events and countless PGA championships at Wentworth, added: "It is unbelievably long the longest I have ever

There are not many records in golf as good as Ernie Els's in this event. It has become a second home for the South African. Els has played nine. matches, won them all and accumulated £500,000 at a a rate of £1,634 per hole. All this largesse has come from a car manufacturer and Els does not drive a car back home.

> notified the press, were, in the main, kept quiet. Woosnam may yet have the chance to be captain. He has said that he would like the opportunity. But it is becom-ing clear that the key figures in the discussion about the captaincy for the 1999 match are prepared to wait until September next year before naming

the captain.

There would be two advantages in this. The first is it relieves the chosen man from having two years pressure and the other that it gives the committee the chance to get to work on Ballesteros and persuade him to reconsider his decison to stand down.

Driving was on Woosnam's

on the road. He did not drive

well at Valderrama, indeed

has not been driving very well

for months, and needs to improve if he is to stand any

chance against Jesper Par-

nevik, his Ryder Cup team-

mate, in the first match this

morning.
"Seve [Ballesteros] obvious

ly had his reasons why I didn't

play [on the first day] but I

don't know what they were," Woosnam said about his cap-

tain in Spain, with a touch of

asperity. "I have one of the

best records in four-balls and in foursomes I had a good

record, too, and I took another

rookie with me this time and

won the match. If he had said to me I am not playing well, or

asked me what my feelings

were, I would have felt happi-

This is the first serious criticism of Ballesteros's cap-

taincy methods that has been

made public since the Ryder

Cup. The mutters that were

heard from those close to

Darren Clarke and Thomas

Bjorn when they were not

selected for the first day's play

and, allegedly, not told that

they were not to be needed

until after Ballesteros had



Montgomerie manages a smile despite the rain that interrupted his practice round at Wentworth yesterday

Teamwork sees Leeds firm home

BY MEL WEBB

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WHEN the team from a Leeds firm of water-garden specialists set out on their round in the Northern England regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf .Challenge yester-day, they did so with the simple aim of enjoying their day. They did a good deal more than that - they won it in some style.

Charles Brown and Peter Jepson, the owner of Derry Landscapes and Garden Design, made the 95-mile trip from their home town to Slaley Hall, deep in the Northumberland countryside, last year and finished seventh with their two teammates. They were both back for another try, joined this time by John Knott and Keith Tooley, and together they

made a winning combination.

The low spot of the day for the Jepson and Knott two-ball came on the 1st, where they failed to score, but Jepson then scored 20 points in the next eight holes, including an eagle — drive, five-iron, fivefoot putt - on the 4th. Knott birdied the hole, giving the team seven points for the hole.

The other pairing of Brown and Tooley had a patchy day. Tooley hit the ball well from tee to green but could not hole a putt, while Brown, a fourhandicapper, was less than impressive off tee and fairway but holed putts from all over the place. None of the four beat 30 points; this was a triumph for teamwork.

Finally, a tale of two individual successes in this team event. Phil Swinney, of Skipton Building Society. won the award for the longest drive, his tee shot on the parfive 12th travelling 297 yards.

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THE WAS TIMES Mees Pierson GOLF CHALLENGE

In normal circumstances, the feat would have given him the warmest of warm glows, but, on this occasion, he was outshone by Dave Charlton.

one of his team-mates. Charlton, a 16-handicapper, had the first hole in one of his 18-year golf career. He did it on the 185-yard 6th with a fivewood, and he did not see it for himself. From the tee he could

not see the bottom of the pin,

which Phil Posnett, the tour-

nament director, had placed

behind a bunker with more

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had to be told that the ball had gone in the hole. When last seen, Charlton

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was struggling with the conflicting emotions of delight and impending doom. Every golfer and his bank manager knows that scorers of holes in one are expected to buy drinks all round; Charlton did his duty. If he had scored a hole in one at the l4th, there was a car on offer. As it was, he had to be content with a large chunk of Waterford Crystal. chunk of Waterford Crystal.
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Confident **Badillo** a threat to Hamed

JOSE BADILLO arrived in Sheffield yesterday in confi-dent mood for his World Boxing Organisation feather-weight title challenge against Naseem Hamed on Saturday. I am the better fighter and I will win," he said.

The 20-year-old Puerto Rican is a late replacement for Victor Llerena, of Colombia, and boasts a professional record of 20 wins from 21 bouts. Although his claim to have won all 62 of his amateur contests is debatable. Badillo is an opponent whom Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter, has sought for a long time and promises to pose Hamed some

overdue problems. Badillo knocked down Tom Johnson, the former international Boxing Federation champion, three times on his way to a split-decision defeat in December 1995 - a feat Naseem could not manage in February this year - and being handed this contest at such short notice does not worry the Puerto Rican.

Speaking through an interpreter, Badillo said: "My last fight fell through two weeks ago, so I've been training all the time. Naz is an excellent fighter, but on Saturday he will have many problems. I've seen him fight before, but he has never been in the ring with someone like myself." Badillo oozed confidence a

the press conference, opting

not to elaborate on any answers when one word would do. Yes, he did want to unify the featherweight belts, Hamed's weakness was his chin and his own strengths were his hands and his heart. At 5ft 6in. Badillo has a three-inch advantage over Hamed and feels that this will he one of his main weapons. Despite Hamed's list of easy contests, Badillo's record suggests that he will not go the same way as Juan Cabrera and Billy Hardy, who were defeated inside two rounds.

The bill has been finalised. with Johnny Nelson defending his European cruiserweight nitle against Dirk Wallyn, of

CYCLING: WORST PROFESSIONAL SEASON LEADS TO CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

Tired Boardman looks to luck for time-trial victory

Watanabe, of Japan, who plays Singh, of Fiji today, gets in some practice on the 11th fairway yesterday

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN SAN SERASTIAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN'S effort to salvage rare success from what he describes as his most disappointing professional eason climaxes this afternoon nere in Spain when he ittempts to win the world ime-trial championship for he second time in his career. Boardman, 29. winner of

he elite event in 1994, will face trong opposition from the lelending title-holder and reent Tour of Spain winner, dex Zülle, of Switzerland. While the mainly flat 42.6-

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confidence in what is his preferred discipline.

"It's been a long season, and I'm tired," he said as he put the finishing touches to his preparation. "I'll need a bit of luck to win; Zülle starts as the favourite even though I'd say he's not as quick as he was this time last year." The Merseysider began the

Tour of Spain in September as one of Zülle's main rivals but dropped out of the three week event after less than one week's racing, a failure he puts down to the fatigue of a nine-month season.

"Every year there are more races and more pressure," Boardman said. "I'd prefer to race a seven-month season of quality race days, rather than nine months of peaks and troughs.'

A series of physical prob-

lems during the summer, including a back injury that forced him to abandon the Tour de France, led Boardman to race for only 70 of the scheduled 110 days that he and his trainer, Peter Keen, had programmed for the season. This year I bit off more

than I could chew," he said. "When I got injured I simply wasn't robust enough to come back to good form.

"Starting the Tour of Spain was a mistake, but it had been one of my objectives and I was reluctant to give it up, especially after stopping at the Tour de France."

But, while injury has played its part in his poor results, criticism of his reluctance to improvise and his conservative "pre-programmed" racing style has increased on the European circuit. "To a degree, I agree with

what people say," he said. "I am scared of taking risks but I've also had the pressure of being team leader when maybe I shouldn't have been perhaps part of that is the team's fault. "At 29, I've realised that I'm

no longer one of the new boys and that I'm now well established. I ve been a professional for four years, so I'm no longer on a learning curve and it's time to look at things in a different way." Chief among those reas-sessed objectives will be his

hopes for the Tour de France. the European season's greatest prize but a gruelling test that Boardman has finished only once in four attempts. "I haven't shown the progression in the Tour that I'd

hoped for," he said. "I've had indications that I could progress but maybe it's time to stop trying to make it happen. to stop making myself unhappy. I've been thinking this way for about a year and I'm at the point where I almost have to admit to failure, which is not easy for me."

Boardman will stay with his French sponsor, GAN, until next August and then switch to Credit Agricole, the French high street bank.

Longo wins her twelfth world title

JEANNIE Longo-Ciprelli, of France, claimed her twelfth world title yesterday, when she successfully defended her women's individual time-trial crown at the world cycling championships in San Sebastian, Špain.

Longo, who had won the event the previous two years in Duitama, Colombia, and Lugano, Switzerland, completed the 17-mile course in 39min 15.21sec, 0.85sec ahead of Zoulfia Zabirova, of Russia. Third was Judith Arndt, of Germany, who finished 29.69sec behind Longo and 10.00sec ahead of Hanka Kupfernagel, her compatriot.

Longo's victory, although expected, was dramatic. She caught one of the favourites.



Longo: dramatic finale

Alessandra Cappelotto, of Italy, on the final lap, then barely overcame Zabirova at the finish. Longo, 38, averaged 42.199kph in the race.

Longo, who has said that she will retire from top-class

cycling after these championships, has been recovering from a fall in which she broke her collar-bone. "I never thought I would make it to the world championships," she said. "In two months I've

gone from hell to heaven." She won her first world title in 1985, but has collected only one gold medal in four Olympics, winning the road race in Atlanta last year. She lost to Zabirova in the time-trial in Atlanta.

Last year's runner-up. Catherine Marsal, of France, finished sixth in 40min 23sec while the bronze medal-winner in Lugano, Alessandra Cappelloto, of Italy, was a disappointing tenth in 40.46.

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'If I was experienced, I would have kept my mouth shut. Now people blow it out of all proportion'

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Campbell learns hard lesson from Zola's finishing school

breast-beating by England's footballers, one sobering image refuses to fade. It is of a darring, diagonal run, the flash of a right boot and a diminutive Italy striker sprinting across the Wembley pitch with an "I-told-you-so grin spread wide across his face.

Behind him, an England defender appears bewildered. Caught out by one moment of quick-thinking. and even quicker actions. Sol Campbell remains rooted to the spot. A painful lesson learnt, it is fair to say that the Tottenham Hotspur centre half has not stood

That Gianfranco Zola goal in February taught Campbell two essentials of international football. The first was the perils inherent in giving a world-class striker a splitsecond headstart. The second was never to own up to mistakes. While Glenn Hoddle, the coach, refused to accept the blame for his controversial selection of Matthew Le Tissier against the Italians, and Alan Shearer, the captain, largely escaped criticism for his least effective performance in an England shirt, Campbell put his head on the block. It was his second act of naivety that night.

"It was a whole-team situation. not just one person to blame, but. being young. I admitted my mistake," he said. "When you are young, you take things to heart, you think it must be your fault. If I was a bit more experienced. I would have kept my mouth shut, because now people blow it out of all proportion.

Matt Dickinson meets the England defender who was left to regret his honest admission at Wembley

"I think people are making too much of that goal. The game finished I-O because of it, but we could quite easily have got an equaliser. It was a very hardhitting lesson but that game made me. It woke me up. I believe I have

Indeed he has. It should be remembered that Campbell was just 22, and winning only his second cap, when Zola gave him a rude introduction to the higher demands of the international game. Moreover, the Tottenham defender was in an unfamiliar position, at the centre of a back three completed by Gary Neville and Stuart Pearce, with the inexperienced Ian Walker behind them. There were others to blame - not least Shearer and Pearce - as Costacurta's long ball flew into Zola's stride, a fact that Hoddle was keen to point out this week.

Zola and Campbell have not crossed swords since then, but the England man believes he will present an altogether different challenge this time around. He will step out on Saturday confident that his performances since, particularly the outstanding displays in the Tournoi de France last summer, have elevated him from a promising but raw youngster into a player whose stature can match

His strength of body, fuelled by

subject of much mirth in the England party, has never been in doubt, and nor has his strength of purpose. His distribution could be mproved, but, now that Campbell, who so often appears to be the only man standing between Tot-tenham and defeat, believes that

he has brought essential know-how to his game, Zola may have to find some new tricks. "I have learnt a lot more playing in internationals and against the foreigners in the Premiership." Campbell said. "They are tricky customers but you learn their runs and their movements. They like to see your body shape and turn you. It is up to you to learn to do the

"It is like an exam every week now in the league, but that can only help you. It means you are not going to get such a massive shock hen you come against them in internationals. Your mind is in tune with their movements and you learn to anticipate things."

e is determined to expunge memories of that traumatic night. "You certainly can't keep worrying about mistakes and I won't be thinking back to that goal. We are in a good position. We we believe we can do it, that is the main thing. Everything is under

the hype out in Rome. You need nerves, though. They keep you on your toes, on the edge."
With Italy needing to secure

victory, Campbell knows this exam will be his toughest to date, but there is an all-pervasive feeling around the England party that they could not be better prepared. It is a feeling reflected by many of the younger players in the England party, particularly the Old Trafford contingent.

David Beckham was another

who failed to impose himself on the effects of a troublesome cold will dampen the exuberance of the Manchester United midfield playwho will enter the Olympic Stadium fuelled by adrenalin raththan fear after his club's breathtaking victory over Juventus, the Serie A champions and European Cup finalists

There was an air of confidence before the Juventus game in the dressing-room," Beckham, who has yet to score in ten matches for his country, said. "You can just tell when everyone is feeling good. We were really hyped up and it carried us through, even after conceding that early goal. I am sure it will be the same in the England dressingroom on Saturday.

The Juventus game is totally different, but it has helped psychologically. Everyone keeps talking about this being the biggest game in English football for years, but we are ready for it now. I would happily play the game today. I just want to get on with it."



Route-master. Campbell will be hoping to guide England safely through their Roman adventure

Money for Wembley redesign

By Russell Kempson

MOST of English football's thoughts this week have concentrated on the Olympic Stadium in Rome, but, yesterday, Wembley Stadium also took its turn in the spotlight. The English Sports Council (ESC) released £21.5 million towards the reconstruction of Wembley, which it is hoped will help England to secure the rights to stage the 2006 World

Wembley will close in the reopen until 2002, when it will have been transformed into the state-of-the-art English National Stadium. Only its world-renowned twin towers will be retained from the old

The ESC's money is the first tranche of the El20 million award, which was made in December last year, to the English National Stadium Trust (ENST). It will go towards the design stage of the redevelopment, with submissions already being invited from teams of architects.

Toby Harris, chairman of

now go ahead at full pace. The new stadium will pave the way for London and Britain to

host other great sporting Jan Molby, the former Den-mark and Liverpool midfield player, is likely to take a break dismissed by Swansea City, the Nationwide League third division club. Molby, 34, who became player-manager at the Vetch Field in February last



Molby: parting swipe

for 14 years and it was a big step down coming to Swansea," he said yesterday. "I found it quite difficult and it's put me off being a manager for a while. But I'd like to carry

on playing and I've already had a couple of phone calls." Molby, who took the club to the third division play-off final at Wembley last season, could not resist a parting swipe at the club's new owners, Silver Shield Group. I get the feeling they want a man they can manipulate, who will do not their choice and I don't

> from the start," Micky Adams. the former Fulham manager, is favourite to succeed Molby. Paolo di Canio, the Sheffield Wednesday striker, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. Di Canio, who has asked for a personal hearing, bared his

think they wanted me here

backside in celebration after scoring a goal in the 1-1 draw away to Wimbledon in August. Slaven Bilic, the Croatia

and Everton defender, faces

allegedly made to Graham Poll, the referee, after he had been sent off in the game against Newcastle United last month. John Gregory, the Wycombe Wanderers manager, and Richard Hill, his

charged with misconduct for comments made to Steve Bennett, the referee of their match against Preston North End on September 27. Portsmouth and Peterborfined E12500, with £10,000 of

assistant, have also been

ough United have each been year, after being found guilty of failing to control their players during the Coca-Cola Cup first-round, first-leg tie at Fratton Park in August. A brawl broke out after Mark Tyler, the Peterborough goalkeeper, had been fouled by Hamilton Thorp, the Australian forward.

Coventry City, of the FA Carling Premiership, have announced record losses of £10 million for the year ending in May. Although turnover increased by £3 million to £12 million, wages went up 45 per cent to £8.5 million.

No divided loyalties for Scimeca

RICCARDO SCIMECA, the England Under-21 captain. can count on the support of his father, Benito, in their European championship qualifying match in Rieti morrow — even though he is the owner of an Italian

Benito, who was born in Sicily, will lead a mass exodus of the Scimeca family from the La Caverna restaurant in for the group two encounter. But any feelings of support for their country will be put to one side for 90 minutes as they back their son, a central defender with Aston Villa.

It is a game that England must win - even though they are assured of heading their section — to boost their chances of automatic qualification as group winners.

Scimeca, who continues as captain, said: "My father, mother, uncle and two brothers will come to watch me, but a few will be left behind to run the family restaurant."

Goram loses fitness battle

ANDY GORAM, the Rangers enalkeener, has been ruled out of Scotland's World Cup qualifying match against Latvia on Saturday. Alan Main, the St

been called up as understudy to Jim Leighton. Leighton kept the No I jersey against Belarus last month when Goram's form had suggested that he might be re-

Johnstone goalkeeper, has

called. Goram missed Rangers match with Hibernian last Saturday but he reportyesterday, when the Scotland squad assembled for the group four match. However, it was just a brief visit as he

informed Craig Brown, the manager, that he was unfit to Goram's knee injury is the latest setback for a goalkeeper whose career has been dogged by injury. For Main, however, it is the chance to link up with the national squad for the first

time. Brown also has injury doubts over Billy McKinlay. the Blackburn Rovers midfield player, and Ally McCoist, whose hamstring is suspect.

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Keith Gillespie is one of three more players who have withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad for their World Cup qualifying match in Por-tugal. The Newcastle United



him and we decided to send him back to his club."

The other absentees are Pat McGibbon, the Wigan Athletic centre half, and Iain Jenfin. McGibbon has a knee problem, while Jenkins hurt

Hamilton is also without Phil Gray, who withdrew bo and the physic had a look at . Monday with an ankle injury. keeper, who pulled out on Tuesday with a recurrence of his thigh complaint.

Reinforcements for Northern Ireland have come in the shape of Aaron Hughes, the young Newcastle centre half, Peter Kennedy, the Watford midfield player, and George O'Boyle, the St Johnstone

been given a new job by the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association. McStay will have special responsibility for

THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

An evening with Kevin Keegan

TIMES readers are invited to a Times/Dillons forum on Thursday October 16 in London with Kevin Keegan, the former manager of Newcastle United. Keegan, who was also an England international footbailer, will be the star speaker on a panel which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among

the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from Newcastle last season, his views on modern management, his return to football with Fulham

and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My
Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SWI at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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winger pulled out of the party for the group nine match in Lisbon on Saturday after he failed a fitness test on his groin yesterday afternoon. Bryan Hamilton, the man-

ager, said: "Keith has a prob-lem with his groin; the doctor



Goram: injured

Injury rules Recalls for Symons out for Wales

KIT SYMONS has lost his battle to join the Wales squad for the World Cup qualifying match with Belgium on Saturday. The Manchester City captain pulled out hours before Bobby Gould's squad left Heathrow, having failed to recover from a knee injury. The defender had not joined.

the squad at their Slough headquarters for training this week, staying in Manchester for treatment. Gould said: "It was always going to be a long shot, but it

was best he stayed at Maine Road for intensive treatment. He has had to admit defeat.* Symons was injured in City's 1-0 defeat at Ipswich Town on Saturday, and was unable to play in Paul Lake's testimonial the next day. His injury has been diagnosed as medial ligament problems, and he could miss City's next match, on Saturday week.

verhampton Wanderers centre half did, however, travel with the Wales squad and will have treatment on his Achilles problem. Gould said: "He will have treatment morning, noon and night. But, if it is clearly not

Adrian Williams, the Wol-

going to be right, he will then be sent back to Wolves before the match." Gould is now short of central defenders and desperately needs Williams to be involved this weekend. With Gary Speed, his captain and sweeper, suspended, the

Wales manager has only Rob-

ert Page and Karl Ready in the

Before flying out to Belgium, Gould and his squad attended the Welsh Footballer of the Year awards in Cardiff, where Mark Hughes won the 100 award.

heart of defence.

kins, the Chester City full back, who was only called into the squad yesterday as a replacement for Danny Grif-

his ankle on Saturday.

forward.

Paul McStay, the former Cettic midfield player, has

O'Brien and Coyne

TOMMY COYNE, the Motherwell striker, and Liam O'Brien, the Tranmere Rovers midfield player, have been recalled to the Ireland squad for the group eight World Cup qualifying match against Romania at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on Saturday. Mick McCarthy, the Ireland coach, said that Coyne, 34,

who has scored eight goals in seven Bell's Scottish League premier division matches this season, may partner Tony Cascarino up from. Tommy has been scoring goals for his club and that's good enough for me. He has plenty of experience and that's

good with so many young players in our squad," McCarthy said. O'Brien is expected to have recovered from a leg injury that caused him to miss the Nationwide League first division match against Norwich City last Saturday, which

Tranmere won 2-0. Ireland are almost certain to qualify for the World Cup play-offs and McCarthy said that he may not risk some of the nine players in his squad who have received yellow

cards in previous matches. They will definitely be needed for the first play-off game at the end of the month." he said.

This could mean recalls for Alan Kelly, the Sheffield United goalkeeper, Curtis Fleming, the Middlesbrough defender, Ray Houghton, the Reading midfield player, and Phil Babb, Jason McAteer and Mark Kennedy, of Liverpool. Stephen Carr, of Tottenham Hotspur, Lee Carsley, of Der-

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RUGBY UNION

Stumbling start hinders Brittle's peace movement

WHEN Cliff Brittle was elected chairman of the management board of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) in July, one of his first actions was to offer an olive branch to sceptial senior clubs who were unconvinced that his new regime at Twickenham would have their interests at heart. A meeting yesterday of the 24 Allied Dunbar Premiership sides, called at Brittle's behest, was unlikely to persuade them

that progress was being made.
The gathering took place
against a backdrop of dire
warnings about the economic health of the game after the decision of one significant investor to pull out of the sport. John Beckwith has sold his £3 million investment in Harlequins to Duncan Saville, an Australian businessman. Seckwith has retained a 10 per ent stake while Saville has also paid another El million to the club to become its princi-

The RFU described the meeting 'yesterday as a bridge-building exercise, one in which Brittle, who was joined by Fran Cotton, reinforced his commitment to the clubs and pledged a closer relationship between the two sides. However, after a day of talks over a range of issues — among them money, television rights, the fixture list and player contracts — it was obvious that fundamental.

and possibly irreconcilable.

differences remain. We've got two separate agendas," one chief executive said. "The bottom line is that the distrust is still there." The RFU, however, described the

meeting as "productive".

The desire by the RFU to maintain divisional rugby keeps them at odds with the clubs, who want nothing of it. What they do want, and need, is more money to fund a professional game that is bleeding many dry, as Nigel Wray, the owner of Saracens,

conceded yesterday.

Wray said that the clubs wanted the fixture list unravelled, a reduction in the number of pre-Christmas internationals and a condensed five nations' championship, in



SRU faces conflict with English clubs

BY MARK SOUSTER

THE prospect of conflict between club and country reemerged again yesterday over the release of Scotland international players based in England for the international

against Italy on January 24. The date clashes with fifthround ties in the Tetley's Bitter Cup, which will affect Newcastle, Wasps, Bath and Northampton, provided that they are still in the competition. Newcastle, should the situation arise, have indicated their rejuctance to release their five-strong Scotland contingent, even though International Rugby Football Board regulations give countries first call on players.

The Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) is insistent that Scotland will field a full-strength side and, given recent results between the two countries, it would want to. It would be embarrassing if it did not, especially since Allan Hosic, the new Scottish chairman of the five nations' committee, this week championed the inclusion of Italy in an expanded championship.
The solution rests with the

Rugby Football Union,

which, it appears, has little option other than to allow clubs with more than one Scot to postpone their ties, should they need to. While that would solve one problem, it would immediately create another in the shape of fixture

congestion later in the season.

Edinburgh Academicals have cited Aian Perry, the ow Hawks prop, for allegedly punching Craig Murray during an SRU League Trophy game at the weekend. Murray, who has played representative rugby at under-2! level, required extensive facial surgery and 13 stitches in a cut above his eye. He is expected to be out of the game for at least two months.

Although the referee did not see the incident, and there were no neutral touch judges : because of European commitments, the club has several witnesses who are willing to give evidence, including an Edinburgh Procurator Fiscal. Magnus Moodie, an Academicals spokesman, said: We regard this as a very

serious incident. It happened after the whistle had gone and was inexcusable."

order to make more Saturdays available for an expanded first

The top clubs are being forced to shut down on nine lucrative Saturdays," Wray, who pledged his continued support to Saracens, said. "It is a crazy system and if, we don't get it right, then all the leading clubs will go bust.

We carmot, as a professional sport, limp along like this.
No one in the game realised what kind of escalation in costs we would have to deal with. Obviously I regret my losses, but we could be in a healthy position in five years if we get the right leadership."

Collectively, the 12 first divi-sion clubs lost almost £15 million last year, much of it in-paying the inflated wages of overseas players brought in to raise the profile of the sport. All parties agree that that cannot continue.

It is ironic, however, that Harlequins, who on Monday signed Zinzan Brooke, the New Zealand forward, on a lucrative contract to add to their polyglot squad, should be one of the first clubs to call for a cap on players' wages. Guy Williams, the club's

financial director, has pinpointed the salaries of foreign players as an area where money could be saved and perhaps invested in youth development, for which he said there was no long-term strategy. "The benficiaries at the moment are the players coming from abroad at the peak of their maturity. Players know what their power is in demanding a higher salary and this has got out of control. I think this is to the detriment of rugby as a whole," he said.
There has to be a reap-

praisal in order to put a salary structure in place covering all the home unions. Otherwise we will reach a situation where clubs in the first and second divisions will suffer

Such statements will almost certainly bring a knowing Brittle and Cotton, who could be forgiven, perhaps, for ing: "We told you so."

Meanwhile, Brian Ashton, the Ireland coach, has suffered a setback in the build-up to the international against New Zealand in Dublin next month. David Corkery, the Bristol flanker, seems certain to miss the game after being seriously hurt during a freak training-ground accident. Corkery suffered knee and

ankle injuries when he was tackled by Craig Short, his back-row colleague, during a full-contact club session. The former Cork Constitu-

tion player's kneecap dislocated on impact, and, after falling awkwardly, he also sustained ankle ligament and tendon damage that should keep him out of rugby for at least six



Cardiff have offered Liam Botham. West Hartlepool's unsettled England Under-21 centre, a one-month trial. Botham, above, the son of Ian, the former England cricketer, trained with Cardiff yesterday and could feature when they resume their

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in two weeks' time. "We have not signed Liam, but the coaching staff will see how he fares," Peter Manning, the Cardiff team manager, said. Botham, 20, made just one league appearance for West Hartlepool, but relishes the new challenge: "It's a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to it."

Play-offs pitch Pontypridd towards return to Brive

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

The first meeting of the

THE complex qualification system agreed for the Heineken Cup quarter-finals throws up the serious possibility that Brive and Pontypridd will meet for a third time this season in the play-offs. Should that happen, three of the Pontypridd players, each of them implicated in the barroom brawl that followed the first pool match last month, are legally disqualified from

appearing in Brive.
Dale McIntosh, the Welsh club's No.8, was sent off during the game at the Stade Municipal on September 14 and has yet to face a charge brought by European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), the tournament organiser, of bringing the game into disrepute by his actions as he left the field. He, Phil John, the hooker, and André Barnard, the centre, were all involved in a brawl in a bar later that evening and an examining judge found the next day that they had a case

to answer. However, the French legal system also precludes individuals involved in such an examination - which could take anything up to six Italian club, lose in Pau and

months to conclude - from returning to the area. If Pontypridd have to play Brive for a place in the quarterfinals, they would have to apply for a legal exemption if five groups. they wished to field any one of the three players.

clubs, which Brive won 32-31. included a brawl involving the sides that ended with the dismissal of McIntosh and Lionel Mallier, the Brive flanker. It was not the only violent incident and, when players from both sides encountered each other in the Toulzac bar later on, three internationals - Philippe Carbonneau, Christophe Lamaison and David Venditti received injuries. Brive threatened not to play the return match at Sardis Road, but duly appeared on September 27 to share a 29-29 draw.

With the final round of pool matches to be played this weekend it is, at the moment, a hypothetical issue, but there is a strong possibility that, after the weekend, it will have become fact. If Treviso, the

Bourgoin lose in Cardiff (which, on form, both are likely to do), then Pontypridd will have the best record of the clubs placed third in any of the

The six teams for the playoffs comprise the five pool runners-up and the bestranked team in third place. The six teams will be seeded pool points difference; c) most pool tries; d) best disciplinary record. The leading three teams will have home advantage and team one will play team six, team two will be against team five and team three against team four. If Brive come away victori-

ous from their game with

Scottish Borders, they would be the best of the teams placed second in any group and, as such, would be due to entertain Pontypridd in the playoffs over the weekend of November 1-2. If, however, Pontypridd were to win in Bath on Saturday, then Brive could take over the leadership of pool C and avoid any further strain on Franco-Welsh relationships. Sod's Law suggests otherwise.

All Blacks take steps to prevent burnout

By DAVID HANDS

THE burnout against which rugby's players and coaches have warned since the game accepted professionalism two years ago is catching up with the best team in the world: New Zealand. "It is getting to the stage where we've had players who have been relieved to be injured, just so they can get a break," John Mayhew said yesterday.

Mayhew, the team doctor to the All Blacks for most of this decade, cited the example of Auckland, who relinquished the Ranfurly Shield to Waikato last weekend. "They went through the Super 12 tournament, which they played and won, then had a lot of players with the All Blacks and now they're having to play in a tough national provincial championship [NPC]," he

It is all too easy to look at the hard core of the New Zealand side, the tight-five forwards, and believe them almost impervious to injury. But they are as vulnerable as any: Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, required knee sur-gery after the international season ended with victory in the tri-nations championship. Some of his Auckland colleagues, 11 of whom have been involved with the All Blacks, may be rested while the semifinals and final of the NPC are played.

The 36 players to tour Britain and Ireland next month will be named on Monday and John Hart, the All Blacks coach, has taken steps to ensure theat thy arrive refreshed, mentally and physically. The nine-match tour, beginning at Lla-nelli on November 8, includes internationals against England (two), Ireland and Wales. "Players don't want to be

injured, but mentally they just need to be away for a while," Mayhew said. "Next year, I think we have only seven tests and no end-of-year tour, and that will make it more bearable for the players." Mayhew was referring to the southernhemisphere summer, which precedes the 1999 World Cup. It is not only New Zealand who will need rest and recu-

peration. Administrators from all the leading rugbyplaying countries, some of them driven by the need to enhance valuable television contracts, have fallen into the trap of committing their players to too much representative rugby, at a time when clubs and provinces are starting to make conscious efforts to structure careers for their employees with rest periods. England are well aware of

the difficulty and only last week Cliff Brittle, chairman of the Rugby Football Union's management board, warned against the over-exposure of

leading players. ☐ More than a hundred Australian players have been guaranteed minimum salaries of £25,000. A select squad of elite national team players will also benefit. The agreement includes a clause guaranteeing full payment of contracts regardless of injury.

IN BRIEF

Hornets try to ease Oldham's plight

ROCHDALE Hornets have put their ground at Oldham's disposal, in order to help save their stricken neighbours, whose shareholders are being urged to put the club into liquidation (Christopher Irvine writes).

"We don't want the Bears to die and they can come and play at Spotland for as long as they like, if it would help the situation," Ray Taylor, the Rochdale chairman, said. "Hopefully, a rescue package can be found.

St Helens are to redevelop Knowsley Road, after plans for a new stadium, near the M62, fell through because of a

Race dropped

Motor racing: The French Grand Prix has been omitted from the Formula One world championship calendar for next year after a dispute over television rights btween the privately-owned company, TFI, and the the French state channel, FR3. French officials had been hoping that a gap would be left in the calendar, allowing them to be added to the list once the dispute has

Chasing record

Tennis: Lorna Woodroffe, of Surrey, leads the Great Britain team that will be seeking a record fifth successive victory over the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy in Manchester from October 23 to 25. Louise Latimer, of Warwickshire, Abigail Tordoff, of Kent, and Mandy Wainwright and Amanda Janes, both of Essex, complete

Squad members Rugby union: Argentina have named four English-based players in their squad for the Latin Cup competition later this month. They are: Federico Mendez and German Llanes, both of Bath, and Agustin Pichot and Rolando Martin. both of Richmond. Argentina play France, Italy and Roma-

nia in France between October

Smith fourth

Sailing: Silk Cut yesterday remained in fourth place in the Whitbread Round the World Race, despite having lost another three nautical miles to Innovation Kvaerner. Lawrie Smith were 142 miles adrift of the Norwegian leaders after rounding the island of Fernando de Noronha off

Sved supreme

Table tennis: Matthew Syed, the English national champion, has moved above his main rival, Carl Prean, in the world rankings for the first time. Syed has risen to 37 from 38 places to 38. Lisa Lomas, the England women's No l. has slipped a place to 69.

SQUASH

Selectors strive to get squad balance right

By COLIN McQUILLAN

THE opening fixture of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) National League has highlighted the delicate managerial task of balancing strength in mixed-sex squads. as opposing professional schedules call upon the rop Mitsubishi Electric Potters

er are pleased enough so far. defending champions, they set the 1997-98 season in nonon on Tuesday evening with a 5-0 win in group A over he newly-elected Ilkley side. The match included a walkover for their reserve fifthstring woman. Dominique Lloyd-Walter, the Middlesex unior listed instead of Sue Wright, the England No 2

Wright, along with almost very other leading woman in he world, is in Australia preparing for the world open thampionship in Sydney next week. League fixtures over the text few weeks are likely to be similarly affected by the men's vorld championships in Maaysia next month and natonal open championships in various parts of the world.

There is a greater depth in he men's ranks, of course," Frian Hargrave, the National League administrator, said 'An important gathering in he women's game tends to hrow us back on sometimes intested reserves which, in ilkley's case, was complicated

by a flu virus that kept Kate Allison, the England No 19, in her bed when she should have been understudying Cassandra Jackman, the England

At one point, Hargrave's own squad at Duffield, in Derbyshire, looked likely to have personnel problems this season, having signed two ranking players, Jane Martin and Natalie Grainger, for the fifth string in group B. "I was really pleased to have such good cover until 1 discovered they would both be in Australia for my first match," he said. Then he found that Janie Thacker, 19, the England No 8, had, in deciding against an expensive trip to the world open, overlooked her need to secure a league tenure at home. "I signed her on the

season." Armourcoat Priory start their group A season tonight. away to Hallamshire, in Sheffield, with Zubair Jahan, the Pakistan No 2 leading the Birmingham-based squad and Pauline Nicholl, the durable England No 11. replacing Tracey Shenton as the fifth

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string.
Nicholl is a tough northern competitor who rarely travels far from her Newcastle base.

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Rusedski maintains momentum

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA

THE Greg Rusedski jug-gernaut rolled deeper into Europe when the Britain No i brushed aside some spirited resistance from Andrei Medvedev in the CA Trophy here yesterday. Encouragingly for his prospects of winning successive tournaments. Rusedski triumphed 7-6, 6-4. without quite reaching the peaks of Basie last week.

Playing in front of his new coach. Tony Pickard, for the first time, he saved his best for the key moments — although Medvedev, who had two points for the opening-set tiebreak, was left to rue the backhand volley that drifted marginally wide on the first. Some matches ultimately hinge on the outcome of a single shot and Medvedev. ranked No 27 in the world. will reflect that this could have been one of them.

The Ukrainian had beaten Rusedski on both their previous encounters, most recently in imposing fashion in a Davis Cup rubber on clay. He started this match as though the mental high-ground were his, and Rusedski's failure to string together a meaningful series of returns made a tiebreak inevitable

Medvedev had his chances. too, but he came up against a re-formed Rusedski. who felt the match standard was particularly good. "Apart from playing [Pete] Sampras in Munich, that was some of the best tennis anyone has played against me in the last few weeks - especially in the first set," he said.

A solitary break in the second set proved conclusive as Rusedski, gaining his 23rd win from his last 28 outings, advanced to a second-round tie with Magnus Norman of

If nothing else, this victory demonstrated the rapid strides that Rusedski has made towards the game's summit. Medvedev had been ranked some way above Rusedski until recently and he would have collected a hand-

meet the winners of the match

in February between Ukraine

and Denmark, in the

Euro/African zone group one.

beat Denmark in the first-

round match, and since Brit-

ain beat them in Kiev last July.

David Lloyd, the team cap-

tain, is optimistic of making

the players we've got, we

shouldn't be frightened of

"It's a good draw, but, with

Ukraine are favourites to



Henman focuses on a backhand against Mantilla, but his concentration wavered in the second set

some ranking-points dividend had he won. Yet he succumbed in 76 minutes as Rusedski maintained his relentless march towards the ATP world championships in Hannover next month. "That's all I am focusing on at the moment," Rusedski said. "I have a lot of rankings points to defend this week, but Hanno-

ver is my next target." Tim Henman, the Britain No 2, duly joined Rusedski in the second round, defeating Felix Mantilla, of Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Henman dominated the first 70 minutes of the match. Having converted one

Davis Cup bye for Britain

with Goran Ivanisevic," Lloyd

the match on April 3 to 5, with

Newcastle as the likely venue.

But, with Lloyd's contract with

the Lawn Tennis Association

(LTA) expiring in March, it is

possible that the Britain team

could have a new captain for

present, they are only offering

me an extension to the end of

1998," Lloyd said. "I've called

for a three-year business plan

to win the Davis Cup and I

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service in the opening set, he played a thrilling sequence of points to break his obdurate opponent early in the second. A cross-court pass reduced

Mantilla to flailing at thin air and a finely-judged lob ren-dered him helpless. Henman had contrived the ideal blend of controlled aggression against a baseliner with a venomous repertoire of passing shots. He was surely coasting to victory.

However, if that passage portrayed the Hyde in Henman, the Jekyll immediately showed his face. Henman forfeited his advan-

period. I want to lead the team

but, if the players don't want

goal of winning the Davis Cup

within three years is a realistic

aim. "If we happen to win it, it

would be bigger than any

individual winning a tourna-

ment with the exception of

Wimbledon," he said. "It will

be like lifting the Ryder Cup."

DRAW: World group: First round: Slovakia v Sweden: Germany v South Africa: Brazil v Spain: Switzerland v Czech Republic; tasly v India, Australia v Zimbelowe; Belgium v Holland, United States v Russia. Euro/African Zone: Group one: First round: Finland v Croatia; Ulrasne v Denmerk, Second round: France v Croatia or Finland: Great Britain v Ulvraine or Domark; Romenta v Norway; Israel v Austra.

and, from holding his service with ease, the Briton capitulated, staving off another break point at 4-4 before a resurgent Mantilla levelled the match.

Such parity seemed a travesty from Henman's perspective. It is always frustrating for the aggressor when he is pitched against an anonymous baseliner. Moreover, allow the Spaniard his toe in the door and he is likely to kick

it off its hinges. Fortunately, after that lapse in concentration. Henman regrouped, conjuring the spirit of his early play to look the more menacing in the third breakthrough that secured a second-round encounter with Jan Apell, a qualifier ranked No 727 in the world.

"It was a strange match," Henman said. "Mantilia may be a clay-court player, but you cannot underestimate him. I made life difficult for myself, but I always felt I had the ability to win the third set."

in an overall context, Henman's defeat of Mantilla. ranked No 14 in the world and seeded No 7 here, rates as a worthy achievement, but Henman would have condemned himself to sleepless nights had the contest slipped

Beaten Wilkinson still predicts bright future

pore Open yesterday, but declared that British tennis is improving dramatically.

The Britain No 3 was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Nicolas Kiefer. of Germany, but was not downhearted by the result. "British tennis is getting better all the time and that's a credit to everyone involved in

the game," he said. Tennis is pretty much an open sport at the moment. Even here, we have seen No 1 seed Michael Chang and Mark Woodforde both go out

CHRIS WILKINSON lost in in the first round." Wilkinson of the doubles tournament in Singapore with David Wheaton, from the United States, and will be involved in next month's British national championships in Telford.

He expects the example of Britain's top two players to inspire many emerging prospects. "The success of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski has been a great inspiration for the youngsters in this country," Wilkinson said. Their work for the British game has been excellent."

CRICKET

Last pair equal record

THE first Test match of the series between Pakistan and South Africa, in Rawalpindi, provided a little of everything yesterday, with one record equalled, another broken, a police baton charge and a Royal visit.

Azhar Mahmood, on his Test debut, and Mushtaq Ahmed equalled the world record of 151 runs for the last wicket as Pakistan reached 456. Azhar remained unbeaten on 128 and Mushtaq scored 59 as the pair matched the record set by Brian Hastings and Richard Collinge, for New Zealand, in Auckland against Pakistan in the 1972-73 season.

Mushtao was eventually bowled by Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, on the stroke of lunch on the third day.

Pakistan another world first with two players making centuries on their Test debut. Ali Naqvi, 20, scored 115 on the first day, followed by the 128 from

Azhar, 22. Police were forced to mount a baton charge and fired tear gas to disperse a group of stone-throwing students. The ground had become swamped when authorities allowed free entry because of the Queen's visit to the ground. The youths blocked roads outside the stadium, although order was restored several hours before the Queen's arrival.

The Queen,the Duke of Edinburgh and Farooq Ahmed Leghari, the President of Pakistan, watched the post-tea

Mushtag failed by one run

WORD-WATCHING

PETROGENESIS

(c) (The study of) the formation of rocks, especially igneous and metamorphic rocks. From the Greek for rock birth. "Romey

suggests that theories of lunar petrogenesis are developing too fast. SABIR

(c) A French-based pidgin language used in parts of North Africa. Also a lingua franca. From the French Sabir to know in the language invented by Moliere in Le bourgeois gentilhomme (1670), pro an adaptation of the French saber, to know. The multinational institutions of the Common Market are gradually developing a modern administrative sabir compounded from French, German, Italian, and even English."

SANCERRE (b) The name of a town in the Cher department of central France used attributively and absolutely to designate a light white (occasionally red) wine produced in its neighbourhood. "I ordered a bottle of Sancerre and it came well chilled."

PARSEME (a) Sprinkled or strewn (with). Used especially in embroidery with reference to the decoration of fabrics and costumes. From the Latin per through + seminare to sow. "She was preparing to set to work in a yellow dress parseme with red roses. I thought it was a pity to spoil so fine a gown."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Bag6! fag6 2 Qag6+ Bg7 3 RhS+! Kah8 4 Qf7 Rg8 (to defend the bishop on g7) 5 Rhi+ Nh7 6 Qg6 and Black gets mated.

No Il by a Pakistani. Azhar 9.00 Morning Collection, with Paler Hobday. Includes Handel (Concerto a Due Cori No 1 in B flat): completed his maiden firstclass century by steering Bri-

an McMillan for two. He faced 228 deliveries and took 311 minutes to reach his century, which included seven fours and a six. He stayed for 348 minutes in all and hit 11

Handel (Concerto a Due Con No 1 in 8 flas);
Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 17); Leclair
(Trio Sonata in G minor); Hotet (Choral Fantasta)
10.00 Musalcat Encounters, with Stephania Hughes,
Includes Corell (Concerto Grosso in F); Gade
(Piano Trio in F); Ame (Centata: The Moming);
Rubbra (Violin Concerto); Erroll Gamer (Erroll's
Blues); Gerstwin (Porgy and Bess, excepts)
12.00 Composers of the Weetc Dufay, Blinchols and
Their Contemporaries
1.00pm in Repertory. The Times opera critic, Rodney
Mines, talks to the mezzo Diana Montague about
the title role in Gluck's (phigazinis en Tauride (4/6)
2.00 The BBC Orcheetras, BBC National Orchestra of
Wales, under Tadaski Otaka, Wagner
(Tannhauser, Overture; Venusberg Music); Duless
(The Sorcero's Apprentice); Fauré (Pevanet);
Rachmenhov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor);
Prokoflev (Cinderella Suite No 2), under Grant
Liewellyn, with Leon McCawtey, piano
4.00 Erasemble, with Perny Gore (f)
4.45 Music Illachines Acoustics, Tommy Pearson
explores the acoustics of brass instruments fours and a six. To the frustration of the South Africa bowlers, Pakistan's last two wickets yielded 225 runs. Azhar added 74 runs for the ninth wicket with Waqar Younis, who made a personal-best Test score of 45. Shann Pollock, a fast bowler, finished with three for 74 and explores the acoustics of brass instruments Allan Donald three for 108. 5.00 in Tune. Sean Rafferty calebrates National Poetry Day. With guests Charles Causley, Gillian Clarks,

Symoox took two for 130. In reply, South Africa progressed comfortably to 139 for one. Gary Kirsten was unbeaten on 62 and Jacques Kallis was not out on 20 when stumps were drawn, leaving South Africa needing 118 runs

to avoid the follow-on.

Extras (b 2, b 7, nb 13) ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-114, 3-135, 4-152, 5-196, 6-206, 7-230, 8-231, 9-305 BOWLING: Donato 83-3-108-3; Schultz 15-4-58-1; Pollock 37-13-74-3; McMillen 17-5-36-0; Symoox 48-11-130-2; Kellis 7-3-16-0; Cronje 7-5-0-26-1.

SOUTH AFRICA; First Innings Total (1 wid) FALL OF WICKET, 1-107

Two views of Napoleon

BBC2, 7.30pm

As England prepare to take on Italy at football, it may be ungaliant (or even tempting fate) to recall a match from the past which was so accumomous that it has become known as the Battle of Highbury. This was in 1934. Italy had just won the World Cup but England were defending an World Cup but England were detending an unbeaten home record. The irrory, as the programme reveals, is that the Italians learnt the game from British engineers, working in the country at the end of the 19th century. Tonight's other item explores the roots of Euroscepticism. Professor Clive Ernsley of the Open University suggests that British distrust of Europe goes back to Napoleon. But while we see him as a military distress whose transmy ended at Waterloo, on the dictator whose tyranny ended at Waterloo, on the Continent he is remembered as a great reformer.

Channel 4, 8_30pm

That chirpy chappie Ian Wright is off to the Australian Outback this week, trailing it as the most remote place on earth and with the deadliest spiders. Neither claim is substantiated. The spiders do not materialise, while as for loneliness the place seems crawling with backpackers. But Wright is an engaging chap, with a knack of coming across larger-than-life characters. Or perhaps we should be praising the programme's researchers, for it cannot just be coincidence that Wright finds himself hitching a lift with a flying padre whose guffaws can even be heard above the roar of the plane. Contrivance aside, Wright has a good feel for the area and is scrupulous in giving due prominence to the Aborigines who, after all these years, are still very much second-class

A Dance to the Music of Time Channel 4. 9.00om

Anthony Powell's acclaimed novel sequence has been brought to the screen by a formidable team both in front of, and behind, the camera in compressing the 12 books into four two-bour films, the adapter, Hugh Whitemore, has had to lose characters and trim episodes but only pedants will complain. The essence of the project, to cast a

Analysis: Privatising Privacy? Radio 4. 8.00pm

The events surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales have pushed issues of privacy near to the top of the national agenda, although it is not clear if most of us understand what is meant. by privacy or how it would best be protected. As this programme shows, there are economists who think that if society regards privacy as having a value, then that value may best be measured by reating privacy as a commodity. To some extent that is already happening as the information age collects information about us and moves it around, at a price, from one company to another. Is this in itself an "invasion" of privacy and if so, what can be done to stop it? Alison Mitchell introduces an attempt to answer that and other questions.

RADIO 1

12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeet 3.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeet 6.30 Evening Session with Stave Lamacq 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kermode 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris-

6.00am Sarah Kernedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.36 Ken. Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.90 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Devid Allan's Country Club 6.09 Paul Jones 9.00 Soul Provider with Robbie Vincent, See Choice 9.30 The News Huddines: With Roy Hudd, June Whiteled and Chris Emmett-10.00 Today's the Day 10.30 Alcheid Allingon

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6.00em The Breskfast Programme 9,00 The Magazine with Brian Hayes 12,00 Middey News 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 On the Line 8.00 Inside Edge 9.00 Sports America with Alton Byrd 9.30 Sportshop 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00 Night with Richard Dellyn 5.00 Moming Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Nick Abbot 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00mm Jeremy Clark 4.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Nicky Home 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Ceimin Jones 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00mm Richard

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6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whele 1.00mm Ian Collins

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Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 17); Leclair

Matthew Sweeney and Ruth Padell Performance on 3: Schumann Revealed. Robert Levin, pieno, Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique under John Ellot Gardiner. Schumann

Christia taiks to leading contemporary film-makers (4/5)

9.40 Wite-Leboa. The first of two programmes of minatures by Helitor Villa-Lobos

10.08 Minate Restored. A concert given last July in St Olave's Church, Marygate, York Emma Kridby, soprano, Anthony Rodoley, tute. Includes Dowlerst (Can She Excuse; O Sweet Woods): Anthony Holborn (Courtess of Pembroke's Paradise); Dowland (Flow My Tears, Somow Stay; Die not Before Thy Day; Mourn, Day That is with Dadriess Fled; Farewell, Too Fair, Time stands still); Holborne (The Sighs Gelliand); Dowland (His Golden Locks) (4/8)

10.48 Night Waves. Patrick Wright examines the history of medicine. Plus a report from the opening sight of David Bintley's ballet, Edward II

11.30 Composers of the Weet: Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century) (f)

12.90am Jezz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. The tarth-anniversary concert by Steve and Julian Arguetes' Quintet at this year's Kingston-upon-Hull Jazz Festival

1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Farming in the Family (4/5) 8.58 Washing

Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waits and
his team of investigators (4/6)
9.30 What Am I Doing Here? An anthology of poems,
letters and disries written and read by eld workers from trouble spots around the world

10.00 (PM) News; Tales from the felands: The Pfanter of Mainta. A play based on Joseph Corrad's stories of the Melay Archipelago. With John Nedies and Michael Maloney

10.00 (LW) Daily Service

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Woman's Hour. Jerni Murray talks to the

photographer Nancy Honey

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BBC reporters around the world

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker 12.25pm Out of Order. Patrick Harrien chains the light-hearted out, with team captains Michael White and Austin Mitchell, MP 12.56 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the

1.00 The work at One, with Nick Clarke at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool and James Cox in London

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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
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with computers (2/6)

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10.45 Booker at Bedtime: Europe, by Tim Parks: (4/7)

11.00 Fear on Four: Making Sacrifices. Three young girls learn about the darker side of life. With Caroline Strong, Sarah Ride and Alson Petit

11.30 Offspring, with John Peel (r)

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World, by J.G. Batand, abridged by Oliver
Reynolds: Read by Nicholas Farreti (2/10). (r)

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Presenter Mark Urban (BBC2, 7.30pm)

wittily jaundiced eye over the doings of an upper-crust social-cum-artistic set over five decades, is firmly intact. Tonight's instalment starts in the 1920s, with appropriate songs from Noël Coward and others, and introduces the Billy Burnerish Kenneth Widmerpool (Simon Russell Beale) whose rakish fortunes we are destined to follow throughout the cycle. James Purefoy plays Nicholas Jenkins, the novelist-narrator. Powell based loosely on himself, and in a cast full of good names there are choice vignettes from Alan Bennett and John Gielgud.

Horizon: The Virus That Cures

BBC2, 9.25pm

Every year more than five million people (not all in Britain, you will be relieved to learn) die of infections that do not respond to antibiotics. So if antibiotics are no longer up to the job, and no new one has been discovered for 30 years, what defence is there against the so-called superbugs? The answer, according to Judith Bunting's informative film, may lie not in some new development but one that goes back 70 years. This is phage, a virus that attacks bacteria and is derived from sewage. It was pioneered at an institute in Georgia, in the former Soviet Union, but largely ignored in the West, Now, that the West needs it, the institute is starved of funds. This summer a Canadian millionaire stepped in to save the project, but the story has a biner twist.

Peter Waynark

PADIO CHOICE

Soul Provider with Robbie Vincent Radio 2, 9.00pm

Robbie Vincent's is one of the most distinctive voices in broadcasting, having a gravelly quality that is hard to mistake. But for some years now it has been most familiar to listeners in and around London via his programmes for LBC. But he began at the BBC and now returns with a series of six programmes that are as far removed from a phone in about issues of the day (his LBC forte) as could be imagined. Soul music is Vincent's first love and the series aims to cover a huge span of time in the music's history and indeed in Vincent's own history as a music presenter tonight he blows the cobwebs off an early interview with Bobby Womack. Other voices include Aretha Branklin

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the first week of the Dublin Theatre Festival
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aites of the Holocaust in Poland on the growing
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8.00 Analysis: Privatising Privacy? See Choice

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Moring in Rotterdam about their shared obsession

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Scrummage leaves them deeper in the mire

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aving got off to a precari-ous start at the beginning of their first season as a professional rugby team, the players and managers of Bath Football Club (or, "Hail Bath!" as the team's new Roman heritage-obsessed marketing consultants would like us to address them) can draw some comfort from the fact that those first few weeks didn't turn out to be such an awful period after all. Not compared with the few weeks that followed them.

As the second instalment of The Rughy Club (BBC2) opens, Bath has just lost one match to Pontypridd. Taking the sort of executive decision that key executives make—the sort of decision that earns them the poshest car, and the best car-parking space to put it in - the club's newly appointed Executive Chairman, Ed Goodall, swiftly shovels all blame on to John Hall. Goodall's background is in greet-ings cards. Hall is the Englandcapped, former Bath player who is Or, as the club's new marketing now the team's director of rugby. consultants would probably put it. Hall is speechless. If this was Oprah, there would be a caption under his face which read: John Hall — burly rugby player who has only just realised that a rugby boot full in the face is a lot less painful than an executive knife in the back."

Any other business on the agenda for this board meeting apart from setting up Hall as the patsy in case things go wrong? Yes, the new bosses want to change the name from "Bath Football Club" to "Bath Rugby", which sounds like a game you play while you're soak-ing in the tub at night; an up-andunder sort of game, maybe.
After the Pontypridd setback,

they beat the French team Dax, and then Italy's Treviso. Bath captain Phil de Glanville is made England captain, too. But then they lose against Cardiff, ending their hopes of triumph in Europe.

"Early Bath Rugby

f the question how could it happen?" was asked only of Bath's choppy 1996 season, our troubles would be small. But it was asked of Treblinka concentration camp in Laurance Rees's horribly magnetic The Nazis (BBC2). How could such places ever come to exist?"

Maybe they wouldn't have existed if Hitler hadn't convinced himself that even Jewish toddlers were helping to orchestrate a world conspiracy aimed at bringing Germany to its knees. Maybe they wouldn't have existed if Himmler had acted on the bizarre suggestion, made by a German Foreign Office official in June 1940, to resettle all the Jews on a tropical island under the control of German police. Madagascar was proposed. Madagascar! It is almost

REVIEW

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Joseph surreal to imagine hotel lobbies in Madagascar full of Jews in armchairs eating marble cake and watching the world go by, while trying to avoid going to the beach. But not as surreal as what actually happened to those same lews

> to Treblinka were murdered, mostly within three hours of arriving. But the Jews weren't always processed en masse. In the early

More than 99 per cent of those sent

stages of the war, when the Nazis were pushing into the Soviet Union, Jews were simply rounded up and shot. But this began to upset Himmler, because killing at such close quarters was having a damaging psychological effect on his men: so he struggled to find a more humane method — humane for his men, not his victims. In the meantime, the Nazis took whatever help was offered. And, luckily for them, plenty was offered.

In the Baltic states the Nazis found plenty of collaborators willing to help them to pull the trigger. men who were as blase about killing children — hundreds of children every day — as the Nazis. Men such as Petras Zelionka, a Lithuanian member of a Nazi killing squad: "We would shoot them, give them up as lost, and that was it."

After years of watching documentaries on Nazis, we thought we had viewed every inch of archive footage and seen every surviving witness interviewed. But Rees always finds someone new to chill our bones. So tell us Petras, why did you kill innocent children, who had never been Communists? How should I put it to you? It's a kind of curiosity. You just pull the trigger, he falls, and that's it."

7 on itch to call such killers animals, but animals are actually more respectable. They kill for food. As Nathaniel Moore, a 12-year-old American who barely survived an attack by a mountain lion, told us in Animal People (BBCI), "I don't hate mountain lions. He was just hungry and attacked me ... it's part of nature."

Mountain lions are apparently becoming common sights in American backyards, often loping off with the family dog. It was thought they were scared of humans, but then one pounced on a Californian

and killed her. I'd have felt more scared if it hadn't been Peter Sissons doing the narrating on this show. It made the whole thing sound like an item on the Nine O'Clock News. I kept expecting Sissons to cut away to our chief political correspondent, John Sergeant, over in Westminster", who would be buttonholing ministers about what they planned to do about the potential mountain-lion threat to the British people.

Tony Blair: "We were brave enough to tame the wilder excesses of the Labour Party and we will now tame the wilder excesses of the mountain lion. Let nobody be in any doubt. The British people voted for change, not for mountain lions. As on May I, it is a battle of fear against hope. And, as on May l, hope will win. We are entering a giving age, and we are going to give mountain lions something they'll never forget: John Prescott."

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (88847) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (1) (82870083) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3955267) 9.30 Style Challenge(6673737) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (8652624)

10.35 Conservative Party Conference '97
Debates on the economy and health and social security (72743083) 12.35pm Going for a Song Sheridan Morley and Penny Smith brush up on Japanning

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (53064) 1.30 Regional News and weather (73746335) 1.40 The Weather Show (46693538) 1.45 Neighbours Mariene wishes she could

turn back the clock when her meddling beckfires (T) (71462847) 2.10 Golf: World Matchplay Steve Rider introduces coverage of the World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth (4918915)

3.30 Funnybones (9680354) 3.35 Playdays (8107644) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (r) (8101460) 4.20 Mr Wymi (8505731) 4.35 Smart: accidental watercolours, storage containers and fuzzy portraits (8910538)

5.00 Newsround (T) (2284977) 5.10 Byker Grove Teraise bucks up courage (T) (9683002)

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7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer magazine, also with Alice Beer, Liz Kershaw, Johnathan Maitland, John Nicolson and Andy Webb (T) (1880) 7.30 EastEnders Devastating news about what's happened to little Billy sends shockwaves through the Square; Sarah

and Joe stun Lorraine and Irene again (T) 8.00 Animal Hospital Steve Knight meets : lost seabird which needs a guiding hand to find its way back to the coast (f) (7828). 8.30 Dad Comedy, starring George Cole and Kevin McNally (1) (6335)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) (8915) 9.30 The Locksmith (3/6) As Carla's condition deteriorates Roland surmises that his professional skills could go one step further than deterring a Drama, starring Warren Clarke (506793) 10.20 Clive Anderson All Talk With the actor. comedian and author Stephen Fry (T).

11.00 Question Time Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, Conservative vice charman Archie Norman and Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Mencies Campbell (63441)

12.00 Golf Steve Rider introduces highlights from today's play in the World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth. With commentary by Peter Allis, Alex Hay, and Dave Marr (5018316) 12.40am Street War (1992) With Ray Sharkey

and Mano Van Peebles, Fact-based police drama about a bloody conflict between rival drugs gangs on the street of Brooklyn, Directed by Dick Lowry (3483855)

2.10 Weather (8855213)

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6.00am Science: The Chemistry of Creation (53688) 6.30 Why Me? Why Now? (47915) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast

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7.15 Teletubbles (r) (6092064) 7.40 Smarfe Advertures (f) (6092064) 7.40 Smutts' Advertures (f) (4469731) 8.05 Blue Peter (f) (T) (7121731) 8.30 Johnson and Friencis (f) (7595880) 8.40 Mouse and Mole-(f) (2765267) 8.45 Harry and the Handersons (f) (T) (9781151)

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Showcase (8251267) 12.30 Working Lunch (37441) 1.00 Barney (r) (55180422) 1.05 Monty (r) (55189793) 1.10 Countryside (7718335) 2.10 News (77440422)

2.15 Conservative Party Conference '97 Jon Sopel and Diana Madili present live coverage from Blackpool (914977) 3.55 News (1) (1698070) 4.00 Golf: World Matchplay Action from

Wentworth (66625) 5.30 Today's the Day (593) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine Lwaxana Tol turns to Odo (1) (492538)

5.45 Conference Talk (617170) Leviathan Paraflets between Euroscepticism and the country's fight with Napoleon; Italy's football roots are traced back to 1900s

The Whitbread A report on the yacht race (8170) WALES: Franco and Friends 8.00 The Whitbre

Test-driver Clarkson (8.30pm)

8.30 Top Geer Jeremy Clarkson test-drives the latest off-roader from Land Rover --the gimmick-laden, colour co-ordinated Range Pover Autobiography (T) (4977) 9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Dick quits the university on a matter of principle in the

mistaken belief that he't be welcomed back with open arms (T) (887712) Hortzon A virus that works on antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria (T) (891847) 10.15 10x10 (T) (266625)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (902373) 11.15 Late Review (220441) 11.55 Weather (750422) 12.00 A Day In the Life of

12.30am Learning Zone: The Making of Bill Oddie (5562126) 12.35 Wildire: Patterns in Green (4565300) 1.00 Reindeer in the Anotic (31231) 1.30 Listening in the Dark (13958) 2.00 Mental Health and Community Care (94039) 4.00 Teaching Fitm and Media (47381) 5.00 Teacher Training: Basic Skills (68478) 5,30 Understanding Dyslexia (24403)

6.00am GMTV (4100286) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) (3944151) 9.55 Regional News (7581426) 10.00 The Time, the Place (25793).

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10.30 This Morning (T) (77726793) **12.20pm Regional News** (8248793) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5690644) 12.55 Shortland Street (5675335) 1.25 Home and Away Aaron is suspicious of

Justine's new boytriend Danny (I) (76035422) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (I)

(71438880) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (74651354) 2.50 The Natural Health Show Treatments for circulation problems (9428002)

3.20 News (4089083) 3.25 Regional News and weather (4088354) 3.30 Potamus Park (8102915) 3.40 Wizadora (9695286) 3.50 Kipper (9684170) 4.00 The Adventures of Dawdle (8587335) 4.15 Hey Amoldi (T) (6359712) 4.40 Animal Ark (T) (5945624)

5.10 A Country Practice (3074915) Followed by Crimestoppers

5.40 News (1) and weather (807809) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (315606) 6.25 Regional Weather (687460) 6.30 WALES: Wales Tonight (1) (642) 6.30 The West Tonight (I) (642)

7.00 Emmerdale Sarah is shocked to find Billy has lost his job (T) (3248) 7.30 WALES: Homeground (286) 7.30 The Big Story Dermot Mumaghan compares the latest tactics to fight drug

crime in America and Britain (286) 8.00 The Bill Boulton finds himself playing counsellor to save a marriage (T) (2996) 8.30 Clive James on TV A fond look at the world of costume drama (4731)



Douglas Hodge as Blake (9pm)

9.90 The Uninvited Blake and Melissa find an ally. With Leslie Grantham (3/4) (1) (2002) 10.08 News at Ten (T) and weather (97034) 10.30 Regional News and weather (386441) 10.40 WALES: The Ferret (256606) 10.40 The West This Week (739354) 11.15 WALES: Celtic Fists (1) (316712)

11.30 Frieze Frame (T) (234809) 11.45 Swift Justice (747557) 11.50 WALES: The Big Story (711373) 12.45am The LADS (I) (34478) 1.15 Funny Business (37519) 1.45 Ed's Night Party (7827120) 2.10 Late and Loud (2001687)

3.05 Waterlines (r) (1) (57943774) 3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (9235132) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (56234855) 5.00 WALES: Garden Calendar (51132) 5.30 News (28229)

As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5675335) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3074915) 6.25 Central News (323625)

6.55-7.00 Lifeline (456712) 10.40 Lords of the Ring. Boxing action introduced by Gary Newbon. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt (477002) 11.40 Reds in Europe (303248)

12.40am Funny Business (1034045) 1.10 Planet Mirth (5567671) 1.40 Rockmania (2207671) 2.35 God's Glft (6912958) 3.30 Late and Loud (6229519) 4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (1751039)

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5.20 Asian Eye (7115010)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3074915) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live with Alison Johns and John Andrews (49286) 10.30 Westcountry News (377793)

10.45 On the Edge. Investigative current affairs series narrated by Joss Ackland (323731) 11.15 Power Game. A report from the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool (320644) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (747557)

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5.00am Freescreen (51132)

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11.40 Pulp: A Feeling Called Live (878712)

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10.00 Middle English (T) (2541793)
10.15 Le Petit Monde de Pierre
(2564644) 10.30 Scientific Eye (T)
(7687064) 10.50 Film and Video Showcase (7617828) 11.10 The Spanish

Programme (5472828) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Mushroom ravioli, tang scallops and Chinese vegetables; hazeinut crust tart with blueberries (T) (2118) 12.00 Sesame Street (47557) 12.30pm Light Lunch (79880) 1.30 The City (b/w, 1939) Post

1.50 It's Great to Be Young (1956) A comedy with music starring John Mills as a history teacher who clashes with his head-master. With Cecil Parker, John Salew and Elizabeth Kentish. Directed by Cyril Frankel (92603267)

3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (880) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (915) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8904977) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (8823606) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (151) 6.00 Boy Meets World Rites of passage comedy (T) (313248)

6.25 Fresh Pop (685002) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (644) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines

(T) (6098)

7.50 Music of the Millennium (599286) 8.00 Feast Jeremy Lee cooks loin of lamb with anchovies, garlic, parsley and balsamic vinegar. Plus a look at how pubs and offlicences in southeast England are laring

k.30 Lonely Planet Ian Wright visits the Australian Outback Incorporating a trip to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock (2/6) (T) (2373)



Skinner and Purefoy star (9pm)

A Dance to the Music of Time An adaptation of Anthony Powell's 12-volume work charting five decades of upper-class life. Starring Claire Skinner and James Pureloy (1/4) (T) (20399248) 11.05-2.20am The Ba Ba Zee: Music Goes to

War A documentary of political and musical discovery by six Atrican musicians (420354) 12.16 am Different Voices Poetry (1940652)

12.15 Fear of a Black Hat (1994) A reporter blows the fid off the most controversial rap band that never was Directed by Rusty Cundieff (305213) 1.45 GTV Reggae and ragga from Bermuda (2675132)

2.20 Seven Sins (r) (1525126) 2.50 Magic of Medicine (r) (6154949) 3.55 The Vision Thing (r) (96358229) 4.20 Schools (76294294) 4.40 The American Football Big Match (r) (7067590)

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9.00 Espresso (5691199) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6330422) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (8408354)

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with Dennis Weaver, Valerie Harper and Sam Groom. On the eve of her wedding, a young woman is racked by doubts. Directed by Daniel Mann (3866248)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (55012557) 5.30 Whittle (8495170) 6.00 100 Per Cent (8492083)



6.30 Family Affairs Elsa gets carried away with her new-found fame (T) (8483335) 7.00 Exclusive How to plan a star-studded party (6240625)

7.30 Beastly Britain: Resort for Reptiles A report from the popular holiday resort of Studiand Heath, where many of Britain's reptiles can be found (8412847) 8.00 The Car Show An examination of British

8.30 5 News (6238880) 9.90 Switch (1990) with Ellen Barkin, Jimmy

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Devil in order to win a place in Heaven. He must return to Earth and find a woman who actually likes him. However, there is one added problem: he must return as a fernale. Directed by Blake Edwards 10,55 The Jack Docherty Show (8426460)

11.40 Meirose Place (r) (T) (7706248)

12.35am Live and Dangerous featuring 1.45
Brazilian Football: Flamengo v Parana
and 3.45 US Major League Soccer
Highlights. DC United v New England
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(8944316) 5.30 109 Per Cent (5576836)

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Doping returns to haunt National Hunt



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Coach puts old-fashioned defensive strategies to flight as squad flies in to Rome

Hoddle gets England moving

WHEN the plane entered Italian airspace, the on-board television screens began to chart England's advance on Rome. Bologna was first, then Ravenna, then Florence; and finally, just as dusk was turning into night, a landing at Ciampino Airport on the outskirts of the Eternal City. The players disembarked and the camera flashlights began

There was a flurry of excitement when someone ap-proached Paul Gascoigne just after he had gone through passport control and handed him a book. For a few moments, it seemed that this might be the writ that a member of the paparazzi is rumoured to be waiting to serve on him. This time, though, it was just someone asking for an autograph.

The Roman journalists, already excitable after earthquake tremors were felt here early yesterday morning, scurried in a vain attempt to meet the players, who were ushered away behind a glass partition before boarding a coach and heading on to the seclusion of their hotel. The real business of preparation for the World Cup qualifying showdown against Italy on Saturday starts here, and the air of excitement surrounding the squad for England's biggest game since the European championship last year was palpable.

Earlier, the squad had arrived at Luton Airport and managed to bypass a rather bedraggled man from The Mirror who was dressed as St George, complete with iron helmet, chainmail and a huge red and white flag, by disembarking from the coach only when it drove on to the apron. St George had to make do with the players in the Under-21 squad, and when the tion, he posed with everyone

he could The rain had kept the crowd of wellwishers down to a small group of the committed and those who had happened upon the occasion on their way to sunnier climes. There was a teenage girl with "Mrs

Beckham" emblazoned on the

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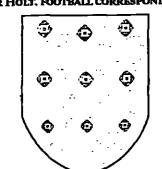
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Brazilian blend Campbell's regret Wembley cashes in

back of her Manchester United shirt, but a young boy drinking a can of Diet Coke had not quite caught the mood. His Chelsea shirt had the name Zola writ large upon

Inside the airport, as Italian journalists laughed at the prospect of England taking their own pasta and alphabet spaghetti with them to Italy, the Under-21 players were allowed to wander into the departure lounge to read their newspapers and occupy themselves in the amusement arcade. The favourite was a game that involved firing a gun at a screen. It was called Time Crisis.

Once the England party had dashed through the teeming rain to the plane, a comforting message was flashed up on the television screens. "Your holi-day starts here," it said, "so please settle back and enjoy the flight." Glenn Hoddle, the coach, was nevertheless already embroiled in a deep discussion about the theory of defence, expecting perhaps,

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THE BIG MATCH

TWO

the siege his side is likely to have to resist in the Olympic The composition of his back line — be it a back four, or his

favoured back three - has lation. The consensus is that the places of Tony Adams, who should be confirmed as captain tomorrow, and Sol Campbell are assured, but that Gary Neville may lose his place to either Gareth Southgate or Gary Pallister.

It is hard to see the logic of that, especially as Neville performed so creditably for Manchester United against Juventus last week. His morale and his confidence are high and he has more experience of big games than the majority of 30-year-olds. Even if he is pushed out of central defence, he might displace David Beckham at right wingback for a game where solidity will be the key. Hoddle, though, was made sure the conversation stayed purely

"In defence," Hoddle said "there is no one set way of playing that is right, but we have been swimming against the tide and it is about time we swam with it. We are not technically behind, in general but in defending we are. We have always defended in zones and zonal sometimes can be a

Over the last five years, since we changed the shape of the pitch, as I like to term it. with sometimes three at the back, sometimes one up front, you are seeing different shapes in the formation of sides now, which has been done in Italy. France and Spain for a long, long time.

You only had to break down the barrier mentally. We have now got defenders capable of playing in a back three or a back four. You have got lone striker or come off into midfield. We had a stage a while ago where it was just 4-4-2 and everyone was similar, playing in straight lines.

When we went out to play that at international level, we were just falling into opponents' hands. I remember a time when Spain had little Butragueno up front and we've got two oft Zins centre halves who weren't capable of marking that. We've got more agility now in our strong

defenders.
"We'll get better when we have changed our systems from eight-year-olds to 15s. People are learning now to play in different systems. In the past, every youth team played the same way as the first team, 4-4-2, squeezing up to the halfway line. It's a miracle we achieved anything playing that way for so long.
"I always thought that when
I became a coach. I would do it

completely different. If we change our structure, which we've got to change for the youngsters, then I can see us technically and tactically get-

the Olympic Stadium in

Rome on Saturday and Maldini seemed amused.

Then came the questions

about the game from the

Italian press and one could

tell that the Italy coach and

the journalists saw the recent

0-0 draw in Georgia quite

tacked, as they always did.

They had made a profusion of

chances but could not score.

The previous day, he had

insisted that announcing his

team only at the last moment

rather than a day or two

earlier, his normal habit, was

irrelevant. The players them-

selves knew what the team

And the team for Saturday?

He still did not know, he said,

it was still forming in his

mind. There were several

training sessions yet to come

and he would take note of

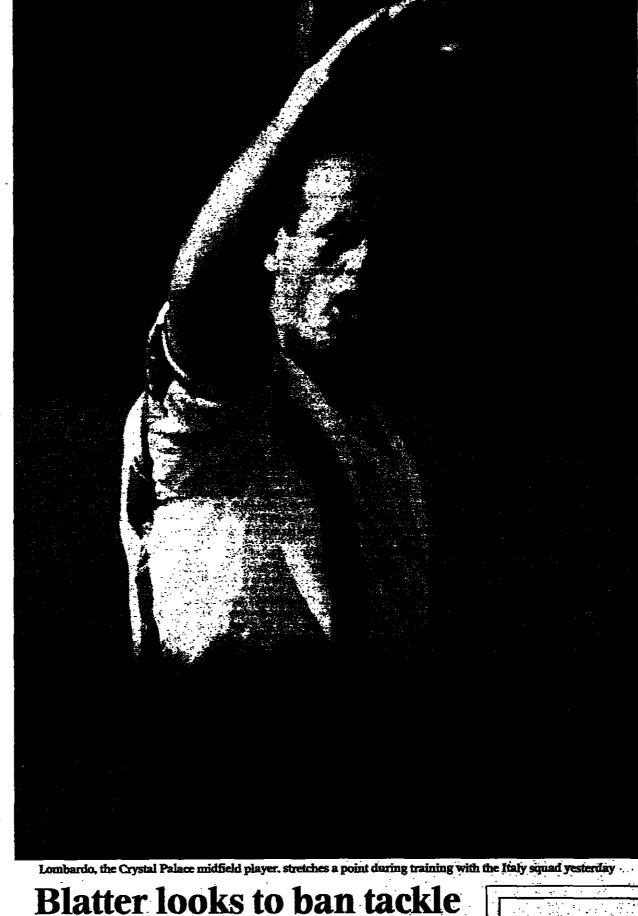
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would be days before.

differently.
Italy, Maldini said,



GORDON TAYLOR, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, has responded coolly to plans by Fifa, the world governing body, to do away with the sliding tackle.

"It's already become more difficult for defenders with the restrictions put on the back pass, the cutting out of tackles from behind and the changes

said. "The game is enjoying great popularity, partly due to the rule changes, but we don't want to devalue goals and this

could be counter-productive." Taylor was making these comments after Sepp Blatter, the Fifa secretary-general, said in an interview that "we must outlaw the tackle in the football of the future ... we have to combat aggression.

literally kicked to pieces and that is not acceptable." Blatter said that the issue had already been raised with Fifa's International Board and that it would be fully discussed in March. He also said that Fifa hoped to tighten up the laws relating to backpasses. preventing goalkeepers from handling balls headed back to them, in time for the World

Maldini seeks pressure points

ITALIANA GIUOCO CALCIO

Tesare Maldini laughed a lot before he gave his No 1220 press conference at Coverciano, Italy's training centre outside Florence, yes-Unorthodox believer (7) terday. His press officer was 1 Dad's Army (4.5) talking about which young Bespoke (clothes) (4,2,7) 6 Bankrolk plug (3) singers would perform before the match against England at Seize rudely (4) 8 Glowing with joy (7) 9 - Thomas, Welsh poet d. Real, genuine (6)

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6 We may be overheard

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Brian Glanville in Florence sees the Italy coach smile in the face of a public attack

cism, is that Italy took the was asked. No, he replied, field in Tbilisi in the defensive English football had imcrouch, itself the consequence of his own caution. On Saturday, though, he

may be hoping for a carefree England team that, committed to attack, might leave itself open to be hit on the break, just as it was at

There seems little doubt that he wili deploy a 3-5-2 system in which instead of using Di Livio behind Lombardo, of Crystal Palace. he could have Di Livio on the

right of his mid-field five. Lombardo on the left. In itself, quite an adventurous strategy since neither is defensively minded.

Lombardo, asked whether he thought his place might go to Fuser, of Lazio, said: "I don't feel in competition with anyone. I accept what the manager decides. Had Italian players im-proved English football, he proved on its own "and I hope to improve there. I hope Italy won't make mistakes, because we have the means to win it". Di Livio, a Roman himself,

believes that the crowd will be a colossai help, just as the Old Trafford crowd was to Manchester United when Juventus lost there last

week. He dismissed any idea that the Juventus defeat might affect what happens in Rome. This is

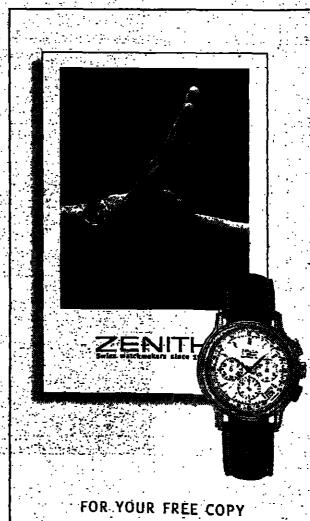
another game. Every game is a story by itself." There were no easy matches any more. "In Georgia, we suffered. Everywhere, now, you won't find a team against which you can

score four goals." Would Maldini make changes during the game—at half-time, for example — if things were not going well? In such circumstances, he said he might think of putting on a he saw Enrico Chiesa, back in the squad to the exclusion of Roberto Baggio, as essentially a second striker rather than a spearhead. But at the moment, he said, he did not even know how England would

"The English," Gianfranco Zola said, "have improved on a tactical level. They are more crafty now. Since we beat them the last time, they have been piling up points, always winning. You say they aren't so good away from home? But the only points they've dropped have been at Wembley. Let's forget the old England. Their club teams. too, have been getting impor-tant results away from home in the European cups."

🕯 hristian Vieri, the prob able partner for Zola in 🗸 attack, also dismissed Manchester United win. "Above all, the Italy team marks man to man, so there's no possible comparison."

On Coverciano's broad green acres, Cesare Maldini looks happy when he takes training. But pressure from the press is surely there. Significantly and unusually, the training session yesterday was barred to them.



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Sponsors put their shirts on **England**

has accepted informal tenders from four companies for the right to be official suppliers of strip to the England national side. It is estimated that the successful manufacturer could pay as much as £40

million for the privilege.
At present, the FA holds a contract with Umbro reported to be worth up to 15 million a year — depending on results — when it was That deal expires in the spring of 1999, but the FA lace after the World Con

finals next summer. Umbro has held the contract with England since 1984 but, in these days of high finance for the sports indus try, they face stiff competition from global competitors. Nike, an American company, Adidas, of Germany, and the Pentland Group all tendered a bid two weeks ago in

opposition to Umbro.
The Manchester-based morts and leisurewear firm has been the subject of speculation over its relationship with the FA of late, but Martin Prothero, Umbro's promotions director, dis ssed such talk.

"We hope our past involvement will have some influence," he said. "We are bidding along with the others. and while everything has to be viable financially, we recognise that the England contract is one of the most prestigious in the world."
Umbro will face stiff com

petition, which will undoubted boost FA coffers and help Glenn Hoddle's plans for the 2002 World Cup. Should England win one of the big over the length of a new fiveyear contract could expect to reach somewhere in the region of £50 million.

Given their huge financial muscle, Nike and Adidas have already emerged as clear favourites, with the American firm holding a distinct advantage. It is believed to be "very interested" in obtaining the contract and is prepared to pay accordingly. Nike aiready supply Italy and Brazil, and have plans to corner the international market.